UP IN LIGHTS

ORBIT '85

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Mrs. Stephens.
It has really been
a pleasure having you
here. Thanks for all the
hard work you've put
in on making my
education successful.
Thanks. (Phil 1:13) Oscar.
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Comets shoot for the stars

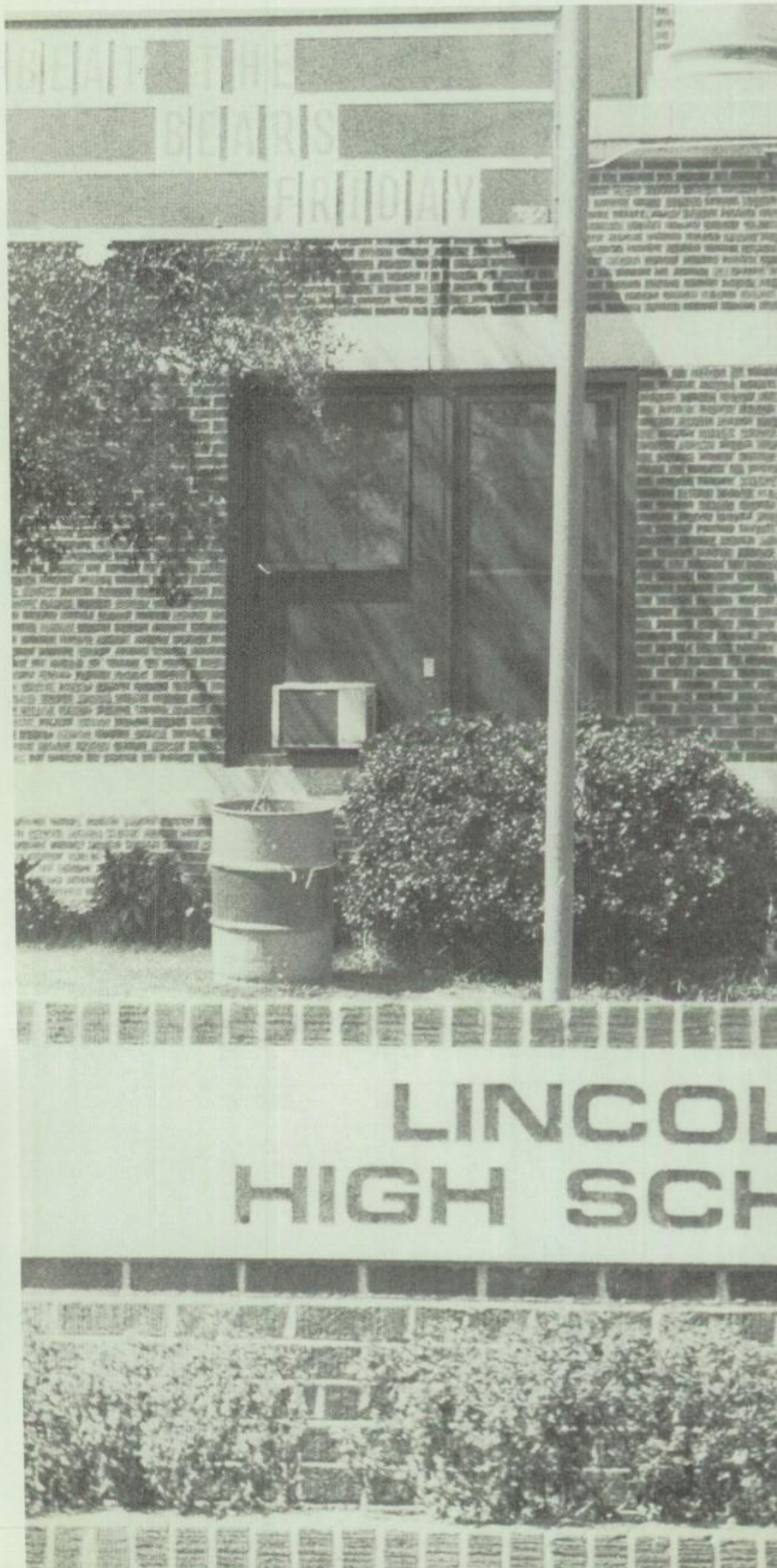
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Movies and TV are such important parts of our lives, but they took on new meaning when Classen became the star in the ABC-TV movie "Surviving."

Many Comets spent a Saturday in September at school, filming and watching the filming of the high school segments of the film. Sophomore Mike Wetmore, chosen to be part of one of the actual classroom scenes, said "Being a movie star isn't all it's cut out to be — the hours are too long!"

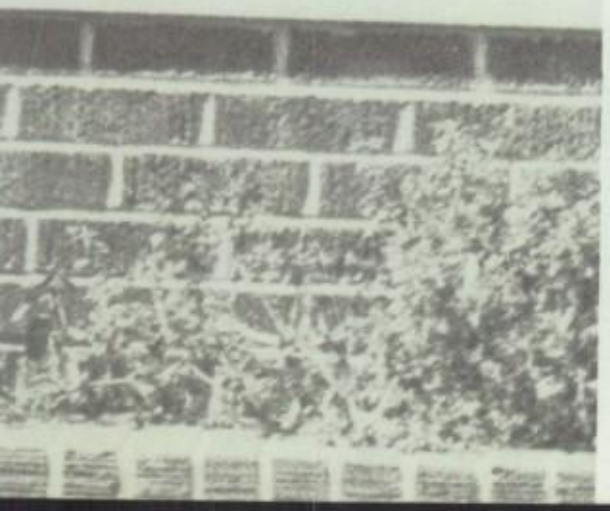
The film dealt with the topic of teenage suicide and starred Marsha Mason, Ellen Burstyn, William Windom, Molly Ringwald and Zack Galligan. The director's parents were Classen grads and were part of the group scene.

The filming day's excitement was nothing compared with viewing night. We gathered 'round our TVs in February to watch our names and faces "UP IN LIGHTS!"



Classen becomes transformed into Lincoln High for its movie debut.

Actress Marsha Mason prepares herself to shoot a scene over in "Surviving."



A good portion of the filming day turns out to be "hurry up and wait," as these Comet stars are finding out.

Two members of the crew on the "Surviving" set take time out to clown around with the slate.

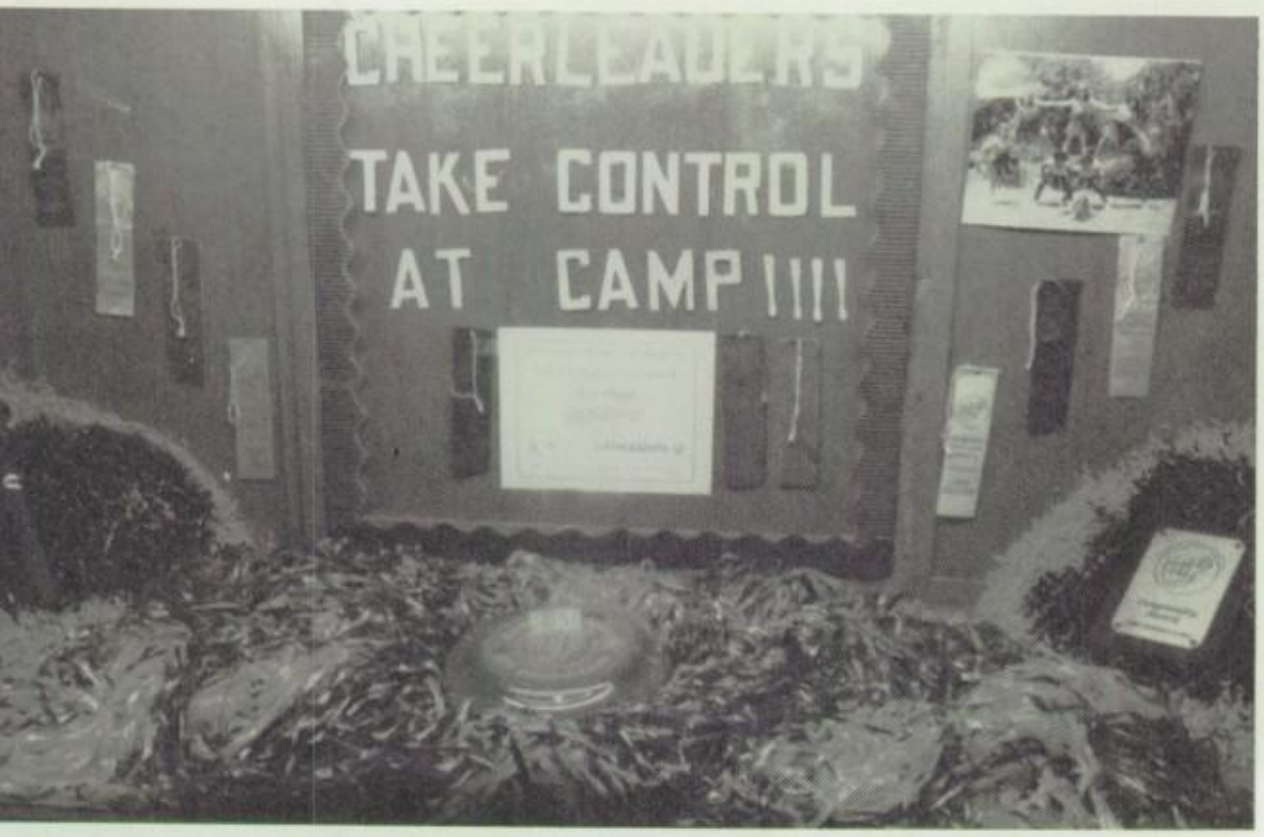
TAKE ONE:

STUDENT LIFE

With the majestic Tetons at her back, Mrs. Barbara Erickson pauses in her day hike to rest and take in the beautiful scenery.

Mike Wetmore poses with family members in front of a fountain that typifies European cities.

Decked out in their cowboy hats, Lisa and her little brother are enjoying each er's company and life on the farm, as get reacquainted each summer on Lisa's it.



The second floor display case can barely contain all the ribbons and honors won by Comet cheerleaders at camp this summer.

Summer travel expands horizons

Summer.

A time of no school. A time to get a job. A time to go on family vacations. A time to rest, to play, to have fun.

For some members of the Classen family summer took on a new perspective, as they all discovered new ideas and new worlds.

Junior Charise Smith took in the coasts of Washington and Oregon and the Redwood Forest on her foray to the far west to visit her dad in Walla Walla.

Ms. Barbara Erickson and her husband boarded their motor home and headed west, where they hiked and backpacked in the mountains of Wyoming and Montana.

Mike Wetmore and his family spent six weeks in Germany, where he visited his aunt and traced some of the paths of his ancestors, trying to become conversant in German.

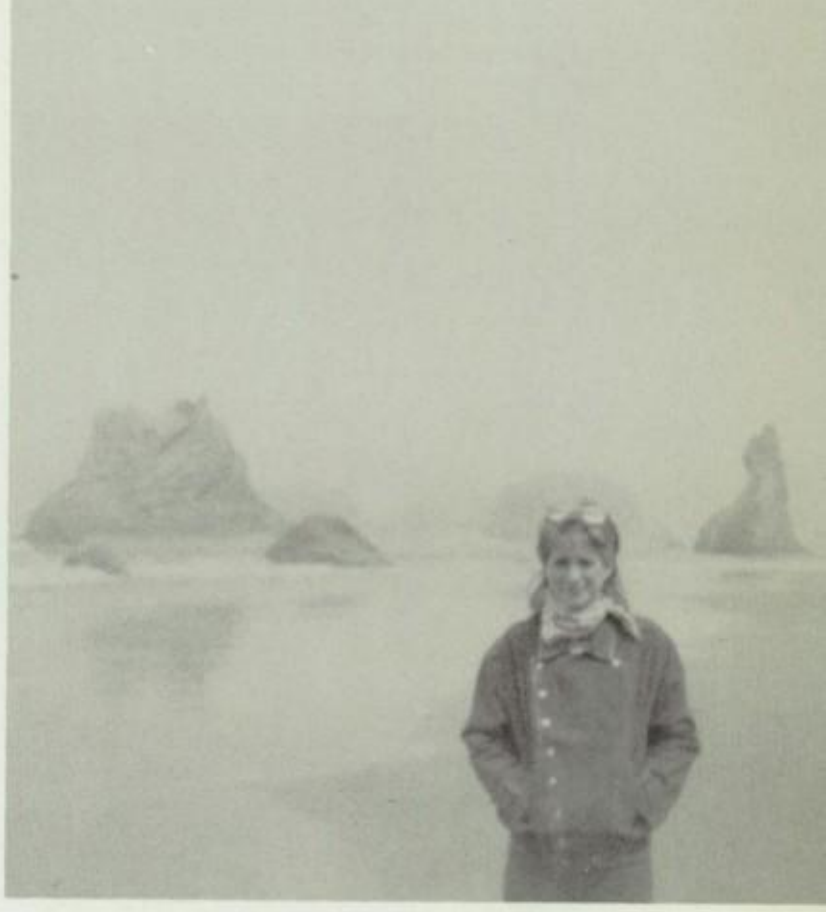
"Even time takes on a different meaning," recalled Mike. "I sort of got lost one day in a city park and it took me four hours to get back to the hotel. My mom was wondering what had happened to me and I didn't even realize I had been gone so long."

As she has done every summer for as long as she can remember, Lisa Krell traded her city life for that of living on a farm in northern Illinois, where she spends summers with her father and brother.

"There's just so much more to do there," mused Lisa. "Sure, you can ride horses here, but on the farm you can ride out in the open spaces."

Living four miles from town and 20 from even a small city is radically different from even living just a few blocks from Shepherd Mall, according to Lisa. "It makes you appreciate both the city and the country way of life."

Comet cheerleaders spent a week in a hand-work hard-play camp at OCU, when they learned new cheers, made new friends from all over the state and won many honors for CHS.



The Pacific Ocean provides an exciting though sometimes treacherous backdrop for Charise Smith's vacation to the far west.

New windows improve Classen's

The first thing most Comets noticed when they returned to school this fall was that Classen had a brand new look, brought about by the new windows and shades.

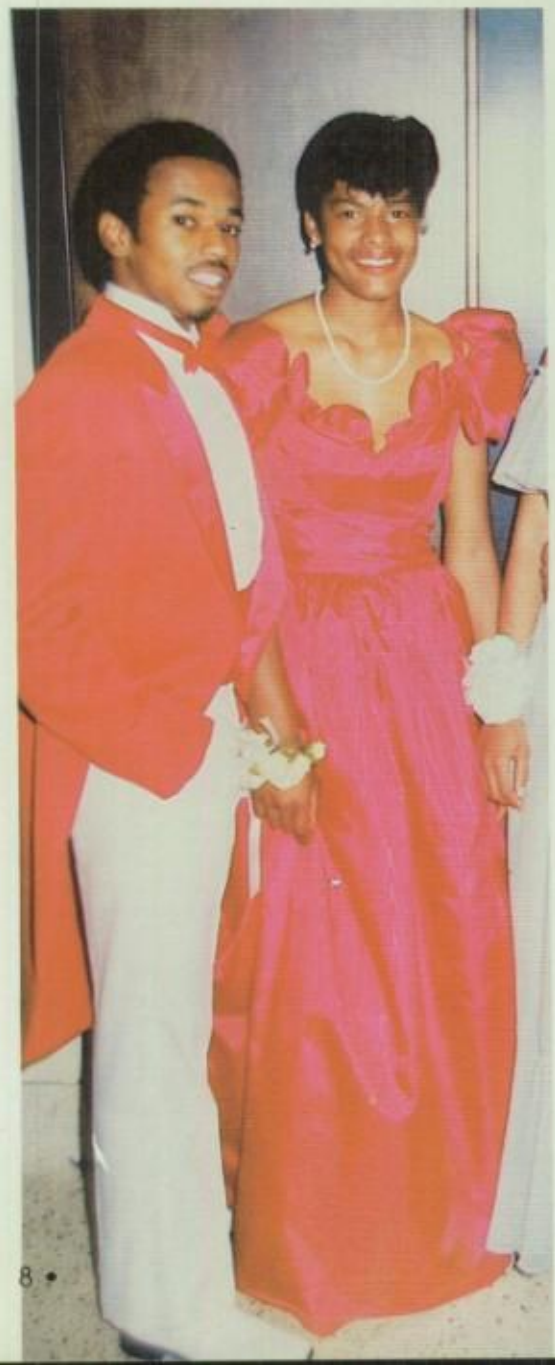
The windows, part of last year's bond election, add to the beauty of Classen as well as providing energy savings.

Gatewood Neighborhood Association worked with the Board to design windows with many panes to preserve the historic look that Classen has. These windows are different from any other school's in the district.

Because of this added touch, Classen's windows cost approximately $369,000.

But whether it be saving heating costs, improving room temperature or beautifying our school, the windows help "Put the Class Back in Classen."

Don Luper and Cozetta Case agree that tonight they are ready to paint the town red at the Prom.



Roshawn Richmond, Mike Wilson, Don Luper, Louis Jenkins and Maurice White know they look good as they pose for the photographer at the 1984 Classen Prom, held last May a Central State University's ballroom.

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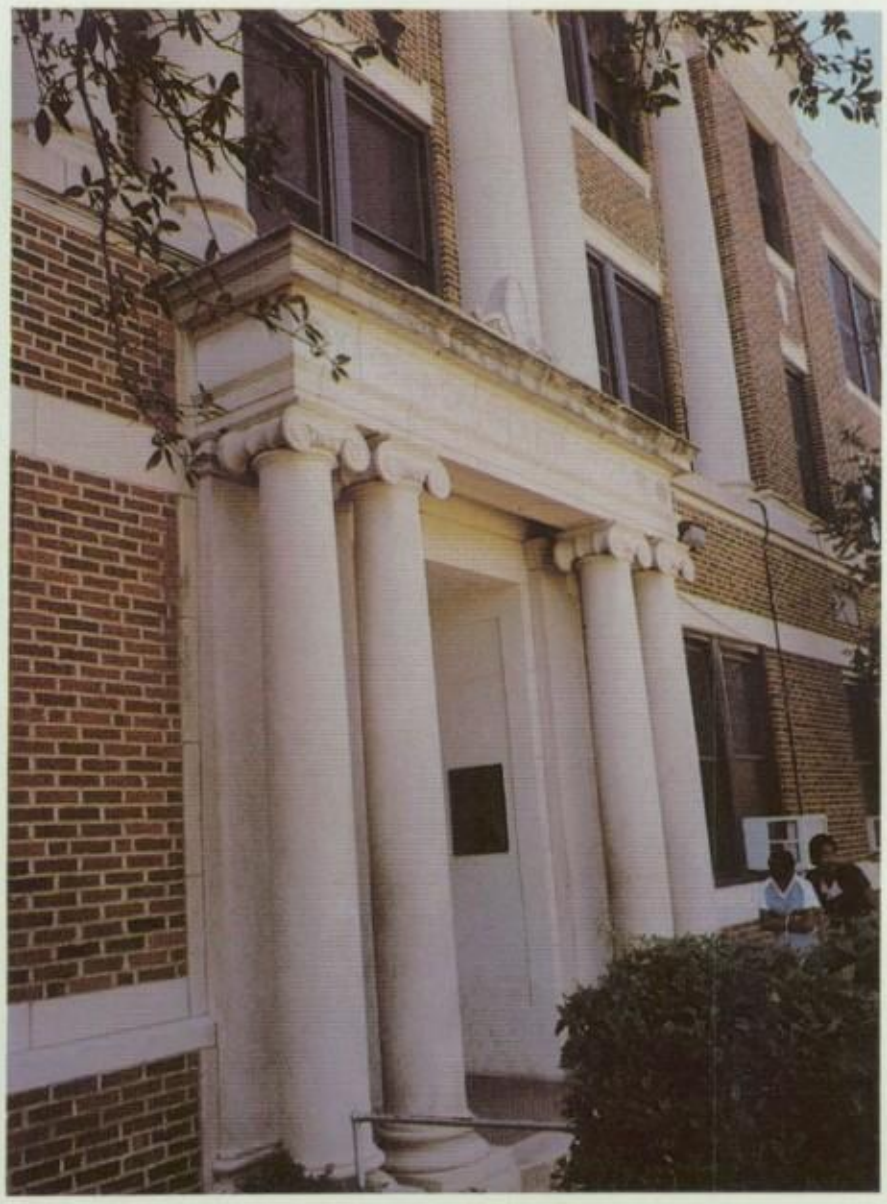
A facelift can do wonders, even for a building, as is evidenced by the front of Classen.

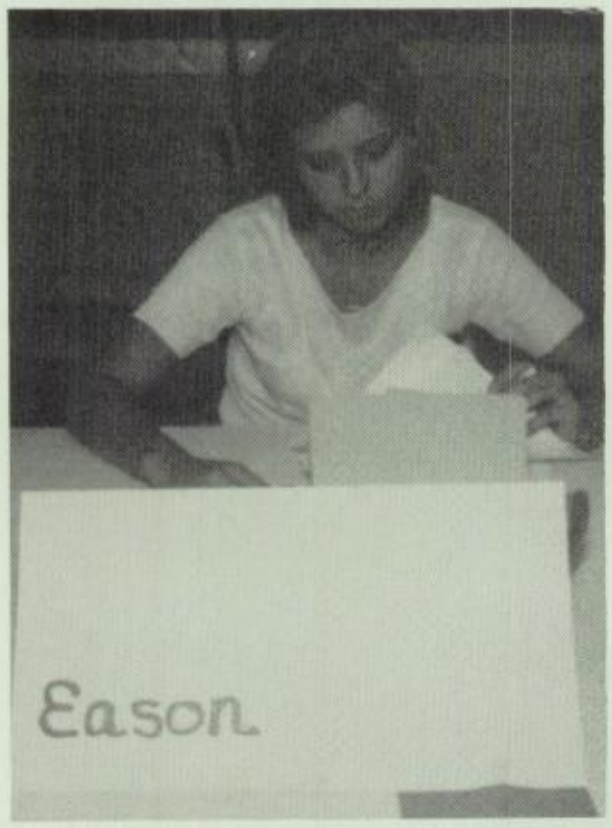


Proudly showing off its new face, made possible by the new windows which were provided by voters in an Oklahoma City bond election, Classen's main entrance stands ready to greet a new group of Comets.

Matched to perfection with smiling faces, Lisa Krell and David Winters are ready to dance the night away at the 1984 Prom.

Cheerleaders Becky Barten, Cozetta Case, Debbie Faulkender and Charlene Moore assist Mrs. Irene Trail in checking out the schedules of LeAnnessya Jones and Marquetta Oliver.

"Mr. Eason, you've changed!" is the comment most heard by Rhonda Harrison, as she subs during enrollment.



"Is there any room left in welding?" ask Rudy Estrada, George Tavarez and Juan Badillo of welding instructor Mr. Otis Kinsey.

The new ESL/language lab teacher, Dr. Gashaw Lake explains the lab to Qui Lam and Tai Ly.

Arena enrollment revives Roman days

Arena enrollment sounds like games the Roman gladiators might have played, but the only casualties here seemed to have been Comets who were disappointed that they didn't get the class or teacher they wanted.

But the pushing, shoving, confusion, compounded by an August heat wave, also provided the arena for renewing friendships with people you hadn't seen all summer, and making new friends.

A new face was that of assistant principal Mrs. Peggy Newman, who helped in the student holding center.

Arena enrollment does allow for students to have more control over their schedules.

Board of Education president Mrs. Susan Hermes visits with Ms. Barbara Erickson during arena enrollment.

Although they are busy with enrollment, Coaches Gary Crane and Tommy Griffin take the time to pose for posterity and the yearbook, saying something about the picture's being proof that they were working.

Finding out more about his Northeast Science program from Mr. David Miller is Louis Lyon.

Homeroom competition rouses spirit

Spirit — that elusive member of a school's population — always beyond reach — never strong enough.

Well, the Comet Spirit was present on Blue and Gold Spirit Day. Homerooms competed for the free coke party for the one wearing the most blue and gold.

Blue and gold flags led band members into the gym with the drummers setting the pace for an exciting assembly.

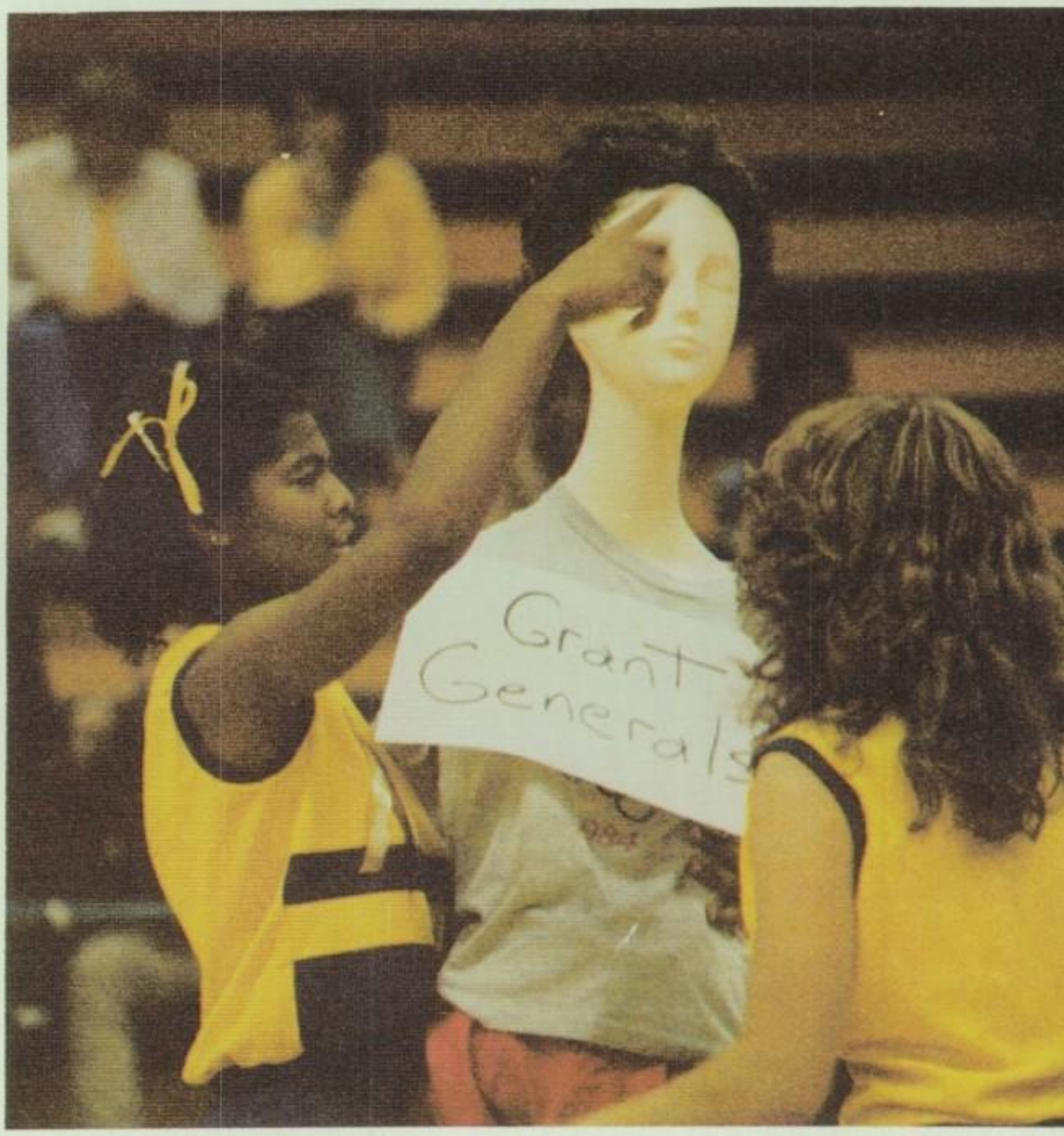
The cheerleaders motioned for all to join in. Freshmen showed they were learning the unique way to add spirit to the school year.

Sophomores added more spirit, the juniors seemed to be louder and stronger than ever, but it was the seniors who displayed a leadership position that gave them new and fresh energy to stand behind their school.

The homeroom contest was won by Ms. Dobbs' and Ms. Morgan's class, with 100% blue and gold.

A new addition to the spirit spreaders, the Flag Corps, shows Comet spirit at an assembly.

The homeroom of Ms. Cheryl Dobbs and Ms. Jan Morgan, Phillip Casey, Kim McCoy, Letitia Brown, Dwayne Bottoms, Martha Olivares, Ona Ransom, Henry Sanders, Billy Pony, Jennifer Moss, Merideth Taylor, Billy Pony, Jennife Moss, Meredity Taylor, Billy Rusher and Anna Lee Whitlock, wins the Blue and Gold Spiri competition with 100 per cent.



The girls' softball team tears apart its "opponent" at a pep assembly before an upcoming game.

The runner-up homeroom on Blue and Gold Day was Mrs. McKitrick's class who wanted to express their spirit.

The band and Flag Corps enter the gym to perform for a pep assembly.

Preparing to rip apart a member of the Grant softball team are Cozetta Case and Michelle House.

Demonstrating their talent is the Flag Corps, directed by Mr. Koehler Johnson.

Even though they are not buying Hi-C before lunch, Mike Bohanan and Steven Shelby contribute to the student activities fund with their coke purchases.

Pleased with the selection of the new candy machine, Norwin Viney "beeps" his snack.

'Coke Is It' for thirsty Comets

"Have you got change?"

This turned out to be the most often asked question at school this year. The unusually warm weather that lingered into October prompted students and teachers to buy more soft drinks, and while there, to buy some munchies to go along with the drinks.

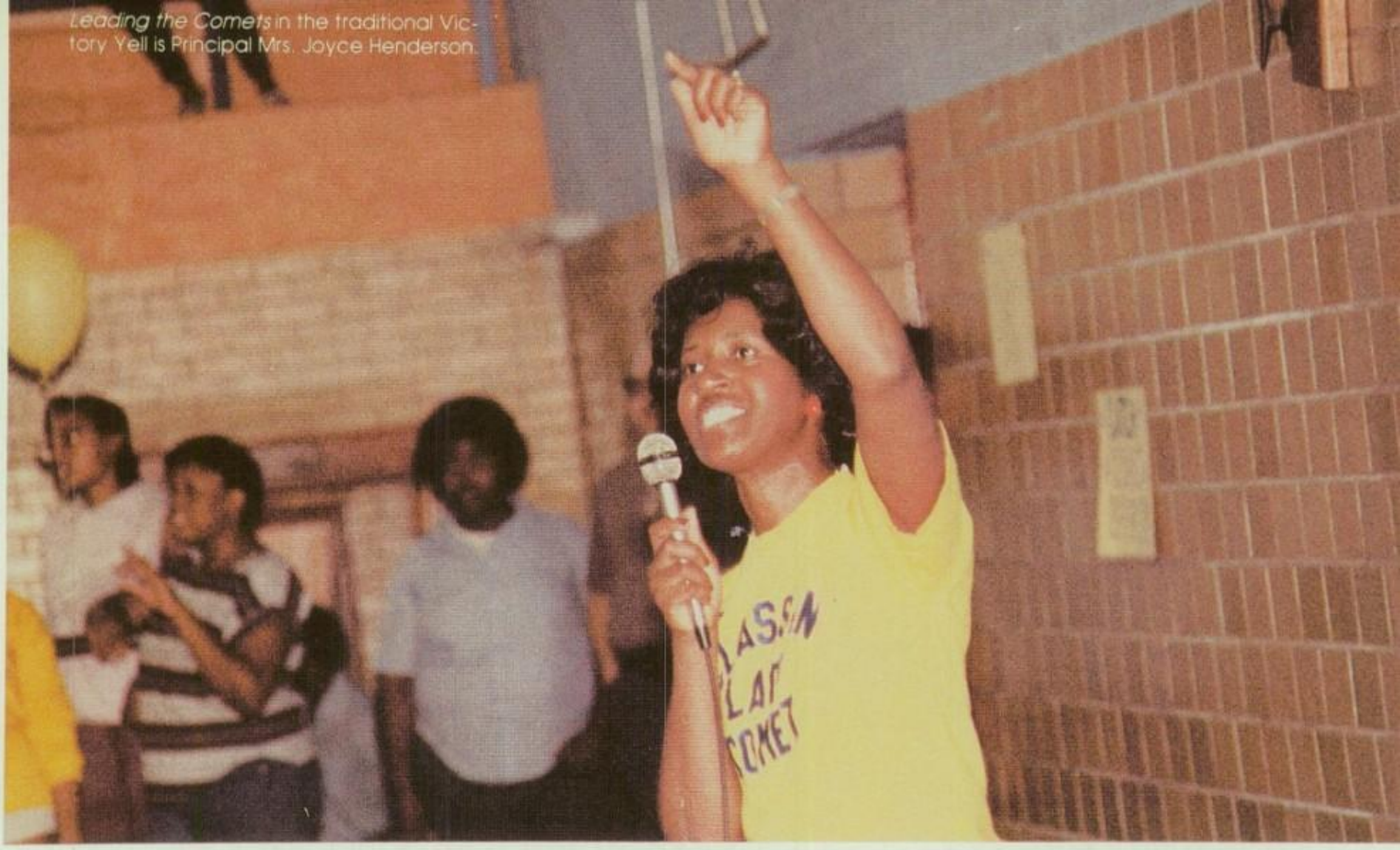
Although the machines were supposed to know that caffeine drinks before lunch were bad for you, they continued to give out as many Cokes and DPs as Hi-C drinks.

They new computerized candy machine beeped as it actually gave you the candy you wanted, and even returned change if needed.

And not wanting to let all those aluminum cans be thrown away, industrious teachers and students went around, collecting dinner for Safeway's Golden Goat.

Safeway's Golden Goat appreciates the meal which journalism students Michael Harrell, Ken Brewington and Alonzo Bailey feed it.

Getting ready for the "after lunch rush" is B hall's favorite person, the coke vendor.



Leading the Comets in the traditional Victory Yell is Principal Mrs. Joyce Henderson.

'Breakers' spin spirit at assembly

The first home football game. The first pep assembly. There is never anything quite equal to these first.

Led by principal and honorary cheerleader Mrs. Henderson, the student body showed its Comet spirit in the ever-so-famous Victory Yell.

The highlight of the assembly was an electrifying performance by the "CHS Breakers," Tony Webb, Tyrus Adams, Larry Knowles, Price Turner, Stanley Robinson and Aurelio Dominguez lifted the Comet spirt sky high.

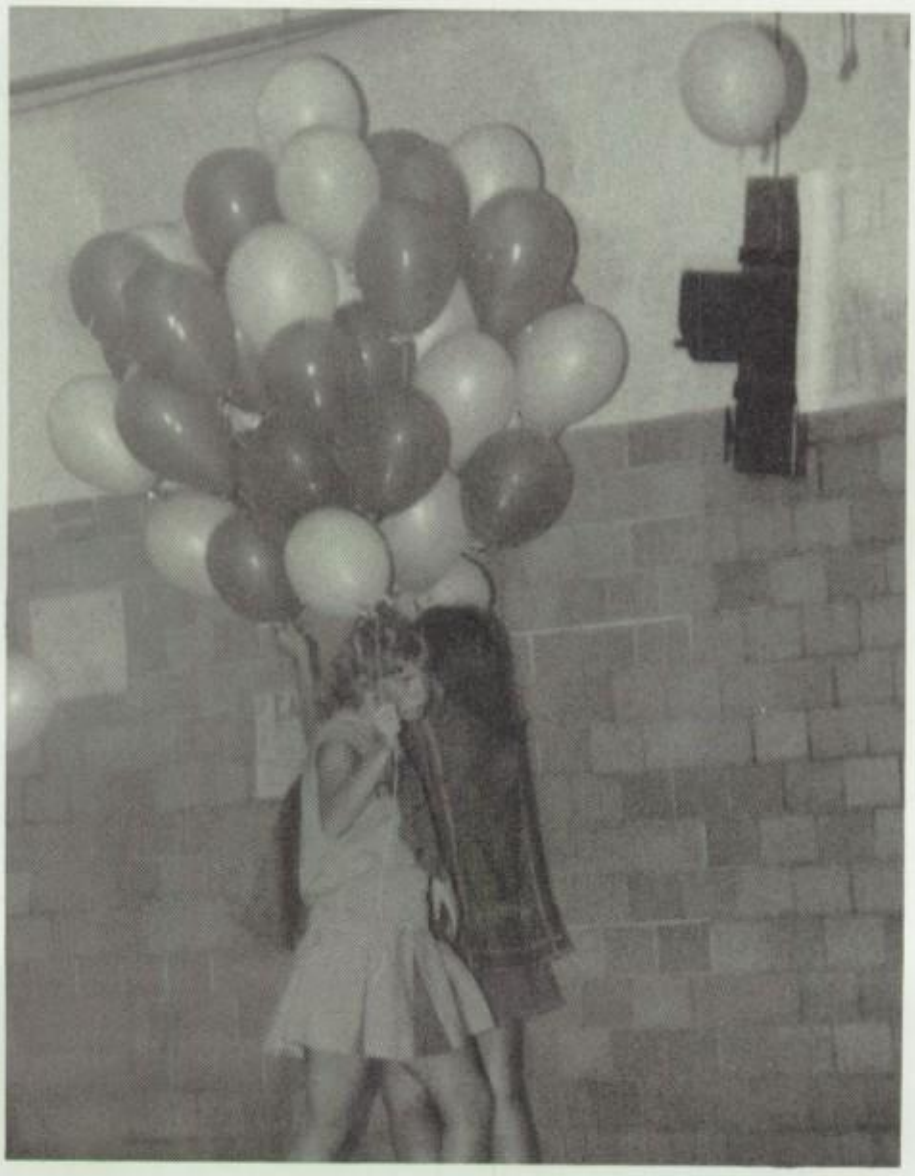
Topping it off the Spirit Yell was a big hit and this time the juniors prevailed with the loudest burst of spirit.

As a matter of fact, everyone who was at the assembly should have received a spirit stick.

One of the treats at the first pep assembly is Classen's band, featuring the outstanding drum section and a brass section that is boosted by the addition of the tuba.

Proving his ability with an electrifying spin is Tony Webb, while performing at the first pep assembly.

Preparing to hand out balloons to team members of all the fall sports at the first pep assembly are cheerleaders Rosie Bailey and Debbie Faulkender.

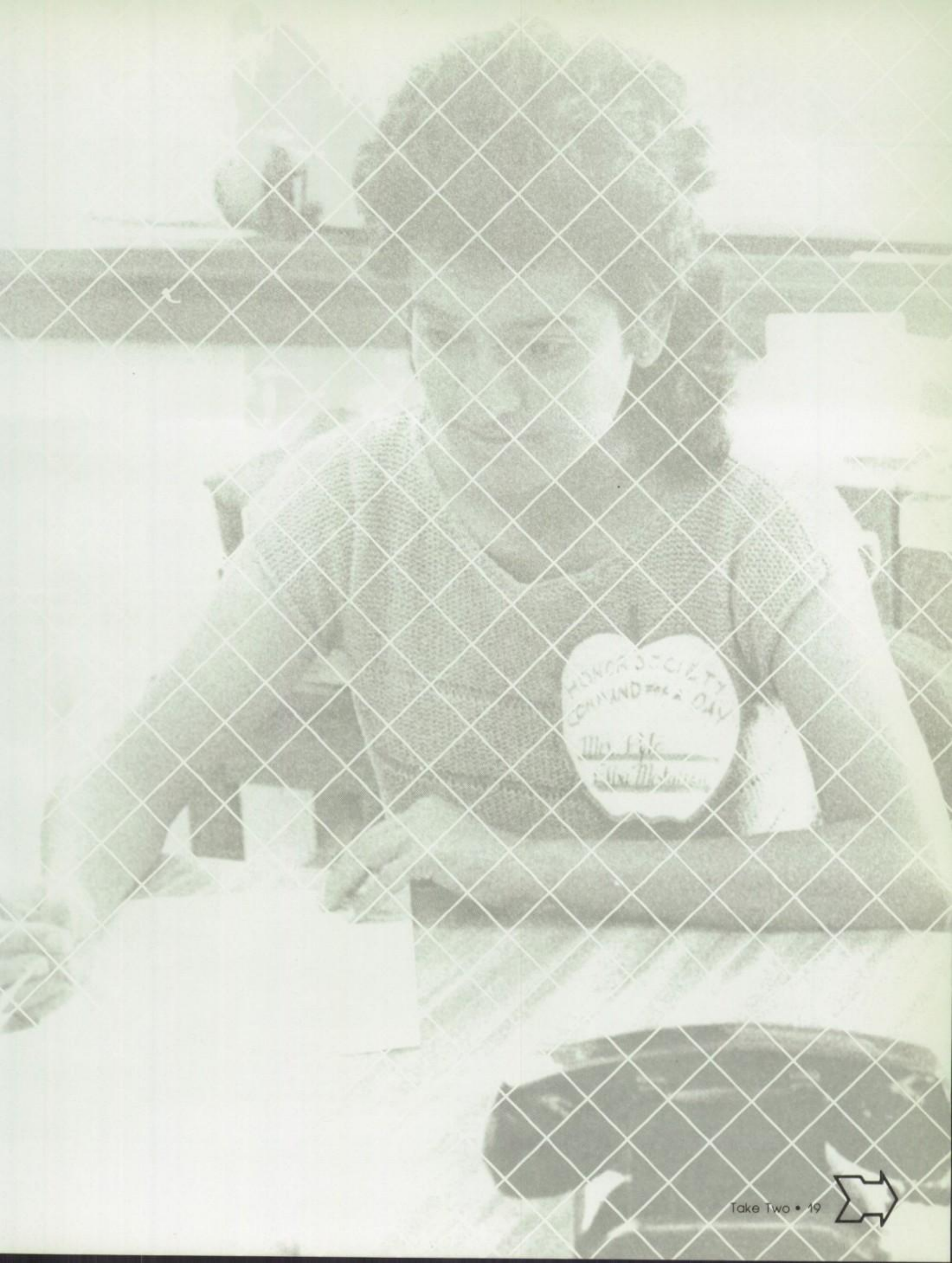


Breakdancing is hot and so is Tony Webb as he moves to the music.

At the pep assembly, Comet cheerleaders lead the student body in a cheer as a prelude to that night's game.

TAKE TWO:

CLUBS & ACADEMICS



Student Council develops lea

Student Council underwent some significant changes, the first and most obvious of which was that it was offered as a class, rather than just being an extracurricular activity.

After electing representatives from each home room, the school-wide activities began, with spirit and door decorating contests among the home rooms at Homecoming and Christmas.

Comets showed their generous and sharing sides at Christmas when they brought food, clothing and toys to share with less fortunate families in the area, as part of the Christmas Connection.

January brought aid for starving children in Ethiopia and in February the group organized and led a school-wide effort to collect aluminum cans, as part of the "Cans for Kids" campaign. Sponsored by the Great Plains Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the effort split proceeds from cans between participating schools and the Children's Medical Research.

As the year was drawing to a close, a last and very sad act of the Council was to conduct elections for class officers and Council officers, so Classen could be represented in the leadership of the three schools which Comets would be attending next year.

Men Thi Hoang, Charlene Moore, Robert Wallace and Dawn Johnson of Mrs. Farbes' home room really get into the Christmas spirit by decorating their door.

STUDENT COUNCIL. *Front row:* An Nguyen (Secy.), David Jacobs (Treas.), James Williams (v.Pres). *Row two:* Eefong Saelee, Floyd Young, Angela Garner, Laveta Curnett, Sheila White, Gloria McGee, Toya Green, Sherri Butler, James Blakley, Viveca Viney, Detra Knight, Burnetta Lee, Jimmy Judge. *Row three:* Ngoc Pham, Tuan Manh Quach, Louann Anderson, Debbie Faulkender, Brandi Mock, Lisa Krell, David Winters, Robert Wallace, Sharon Williams, Diana Whitfield, Mary Taylor. *Back row:* Vance Sinyard, Bervis Littles, Carolyn Mobley, Rosanna Bighorse, Lauri Nunley, Karen Kirkpatrick, David Msuya, Robin Howard, Rodney Berry, Tim Clark, Long Ding Dong, Tuan Vu Lang, Scott Klepper, Rhonda Harrison.

dership skills

Homerooms contributed ornaments for the Christmas tree in the main hall, sponsored by Student Council, and Douglas Bacca adds his star for the top.

David Jacobs buys a Dunkin' Donuts muffin from SC officers An Nguyen, James Williams and Lelia Case, with the proceeds going to the Ethiopian effort.

SC President Lelia Case sells muffins to help the starving children in Ethiopia.

Showing what really good sports they are, Jimmy Judge, Tony Shockley and Anton Williams play their parts to the hilt on Jock Slave Day.

"O" CLUB. *Front row:* Kathleen Scott, Lisa Krell, Charlene Moore, Dawn Johnson, Michelle House, Wendy Curzio, Jennifer Kidwell. *Row two:* Tracy Taylor, Becky Martin, Lori Martin, Don Luper, Charise Smith, Karen Kirkpatrick, Debbie Faulkender, Stephanie Vincent, Mary Taylor. *Back row:* Karen Wheeler, Jesse Campbell, Alonzo Bailey, Maurice White, RoShawn Richmond, Demetra Castille

"Boy George" and "Elmer Fudd," alias Brandi Mock and Wendy Curzio, seem to love their roles on Jock Slave Day.

Blue and Gold pride

Wearing the last blue and gold letter jackets with "C" on them, this year's bunch of athletes who lettered in one of the nine sports in which Classen participated, continued the long tradition of Comet pride and spirit.

In February both "O" Clubs provided entertainment for the entire student body, with the Jock Sale and subsequent day of "servitude." This also raised funds for trophies, awards and the all-sports banquet.

Although the spirit of frivolity always acts to disrupt a normal school day, whatever that is, the activity has come to be expected and accepted as a fun fund-raiser.

The young men and women who lettered in Clasen's sports can go forth with pride, knowing they learned how to keep on working even when the scores didn't reward their efforts.

Pep Club rallied behind president Lelia Case, to continue to support the teams, wearing the blue and gold with an equal amount of pride.

P CLUB. *Front row:* Detra Knight, Michelle use, Rosie Bailey, Kori King, Sherri Butler, Lisa dson, Candice Lovell. *Back row:* Zonya verstreet, Tonya Parker, LaShawn Washing- n, Lisa Anderson, LaRhonda Johnson, Deb- e Faulkender, Becky Barten.

Parading around the gym during the assembly, Jimmy Judge and his owner Carla Noblitt show off his gams.

'Ready — O.K.!'

What does it take to be a cheerleader? "Long hours and a lot of work," answer this year's group in unison.

Classen's cheerleaders have shown that they have what it takes to be a winning team. Made up of seniors Tonya Parker, Cozetta Case, Becky Barten, Candy Lovell and Debbie Faulkender, juniors Rosie Bailey, Lisa Hudson and Michelle House, and sophomore Charlene Moore, the squad represents more cheerleaders and spirit than Classen has seen for a number of years.

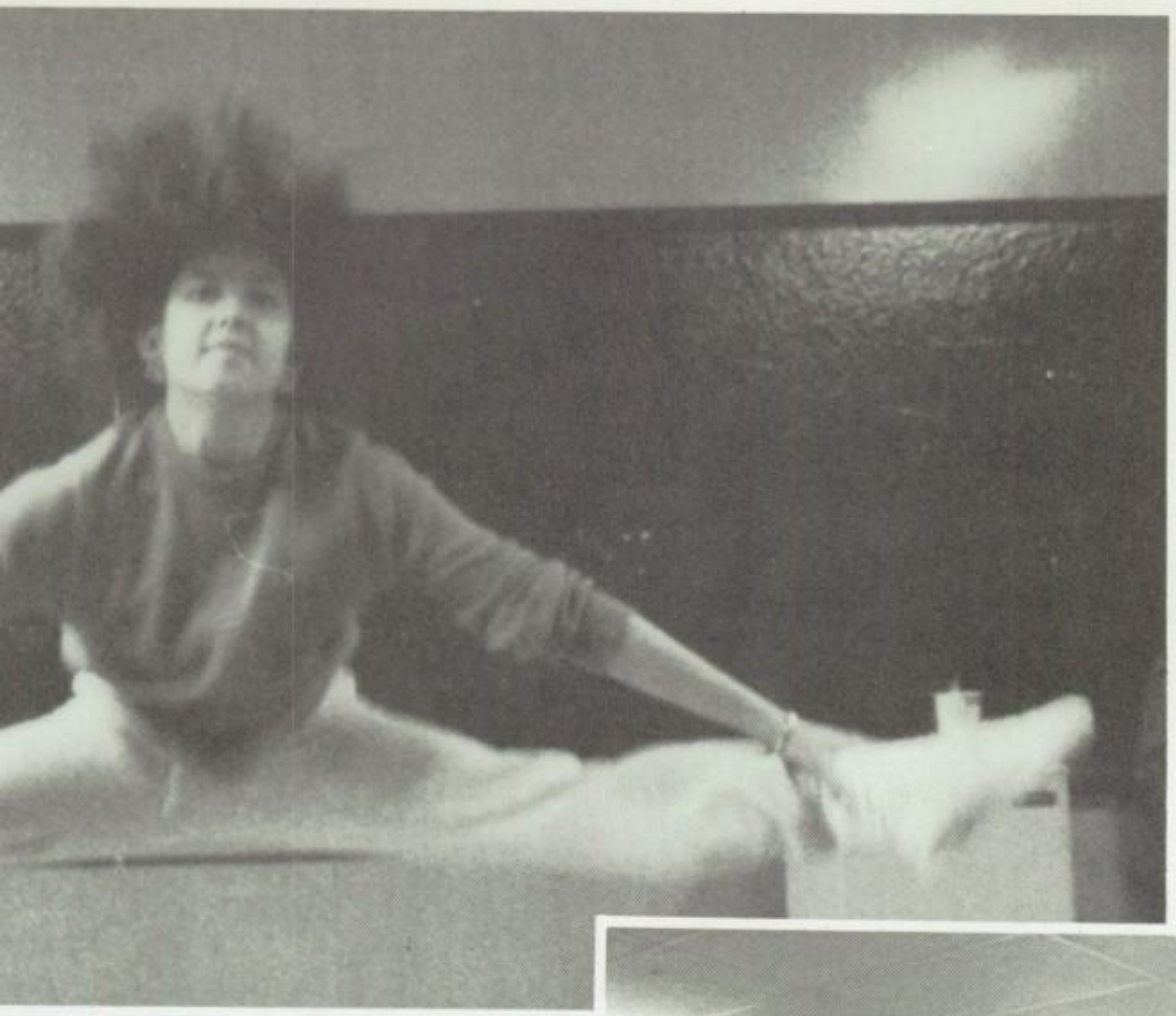
Their dedication showed as they cheered all the teams on through the spirit-zapping news of the school's closing. Working out after school and cheering at two basketball games and a wrestling match in the same week were typical activities.

Of course, the summer preparation helped. Attending the International Cheerleading Foundation Camp at OCU, the squad won second place in Grand Competition, the "Dynamite Stick" for overall spirit, a "Catch Our Spirit" frisbee and the congeniality award. Individuals Tonya Parker and Cozetta Case won "Coog," most spirited girl for a day, with Tonya also the most spirited for the week.

"I have discovered," commented junior Rosie Bailey, "that being a cheerleader isn't just jumping around and smiling. There's a lot more work than I ever knew was involved."

Rosie Bailey shows how important it is to warm up properly before the rigor of cheerleading practice by doing stretching exercises.

Dancing to "Breakin', There's No Stoppin' Us" Comet cheerleaders entertain the audience of parents, students, teachers and staff at the homecoming assembly.

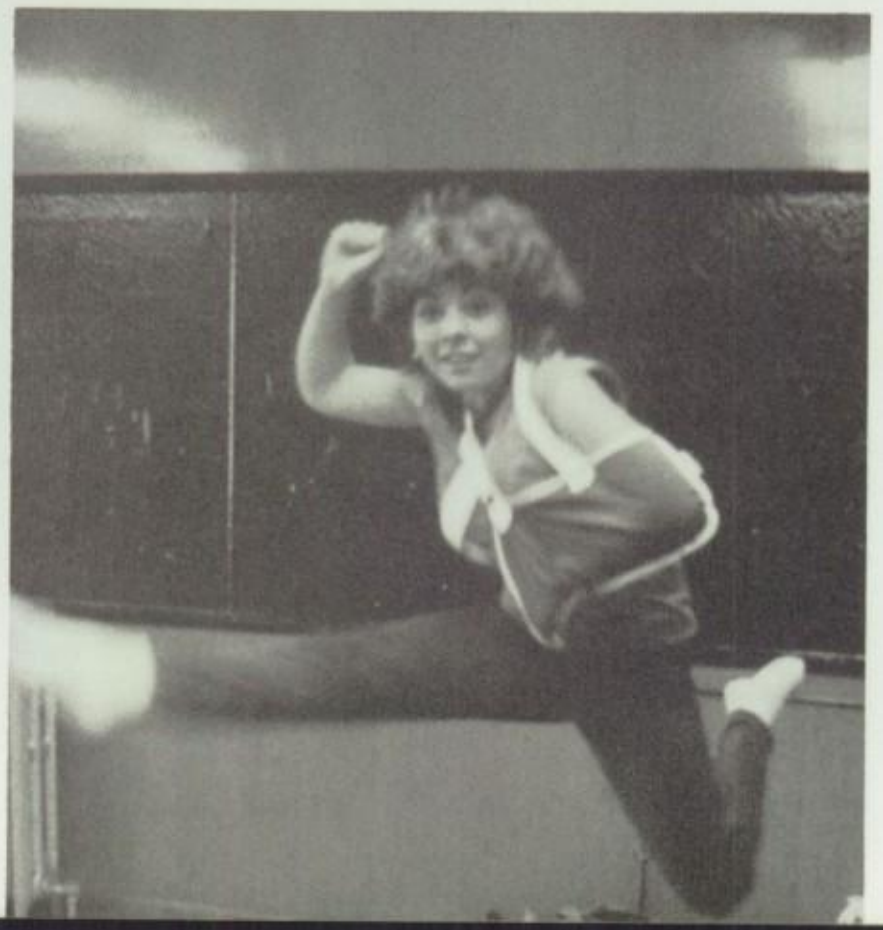


Her acrobatic and dance training is a help to Charlene Moore in her execution of intricate jumps at cheerleader practice.

Tonya Parker gets tickled, but remains steady as she and Candy Lovell practice their pyramid.

Using their pom-pons to spell out "Comets," the cheerleaders show precision at the homecoming assembly.

Not even a broken arm can keep junior Michelle House from practicing every day after school, but some of the group action yells had to be rechoreographed.



BAND COUNCIL. *Front row:* Danna Nubine, Shalitta Combs, Lanie Combs. *Back row:* Eric Adler, David Mach, Marcus Quinn.

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Providing a greatly appreciated foundation to the band, tuba player Anthony Ordish and trombonists Jack Hollenbeck, Barry Dowell and Eric Adler star in the band's Christmas assembly.

Band sounds final note

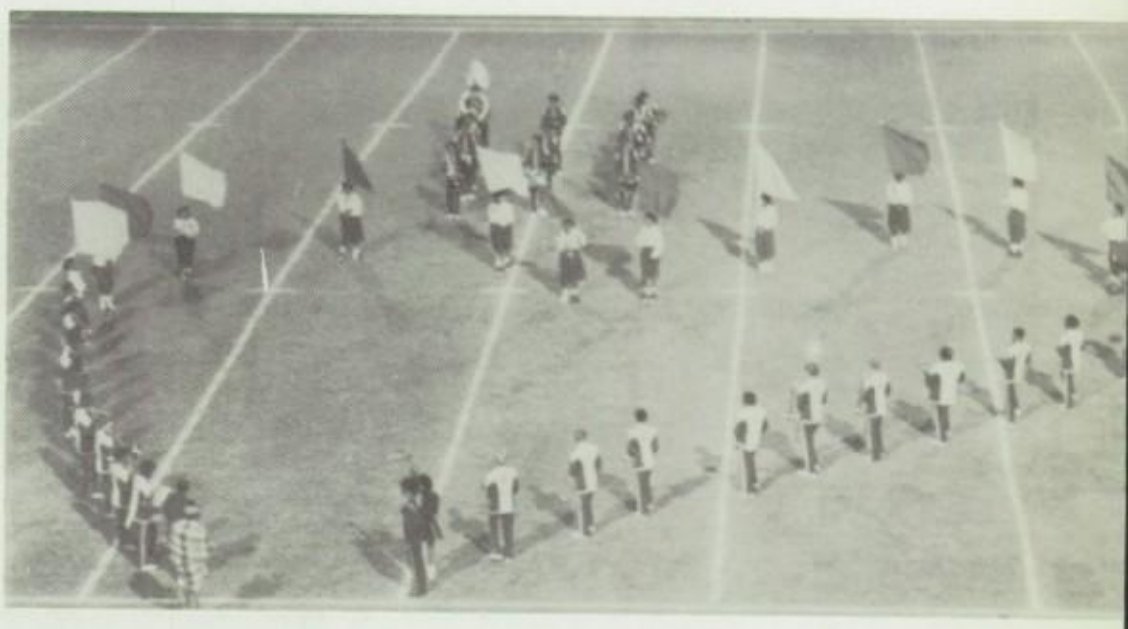
The Classen Comet band, the pride and joy of all Comets everywhere, after practicing through the summer made its first appearance at the football previews and stole the show.

With the addition of the newly-formed flag corps, the band performed at all Comet football games, showing opponent schools what Classen is all about. It took the skill and concentration of each member of the band to deliver the quality of shows they did.

After football season was over, the band made its annual adjustment from marching music to the music of Christmas, culminating in the Christmas assembly.

When classes resumed in the new year, the band jumped into concert music, preparing for competition at All-City and in New Orleans. Members helped raise money for the New Orleans trip by selling candy and Christmas gifts.

Classen's majorettes also performed at pep assemblies throughout the school year, backed up by an enthusiastic Comet band.



With a cold Mr. Koehler Johnson directing from the sidelines, the band and flag corps form a heart for the coronation of All-Sports Queen at Homecoming.

Majorettes Shalitta Combs and LaDonna Brown really strut their stuff during the first pep assembly in basketball season.

A wire loop is one of the many tools that Willie Crystal uses to give definition to his clay house.

Artists create magic, gifts

As in years past, ceramics students really got fired up over their projects. But first, they had to carry the 100-lb. bags of clay and glaze materials to the third floor ceramics room, where they made the clay and glazes from the raw chemical ingredients.

"We use between two and three thousand pounds of clay and glaze each year," explained instructor Mr. Chuck Keeler. "The kids learn to use the potter's wheel and the pinch, coil and slab methods for pots and sculptures. They produce realistic oil lamps and coffee cups, as well as very abstract sculptures and incense houses.

Christmastime was an especially busy scene, as many used the class to make presents for parents and friends.

Ten ceramics students entered their artistic efforts in the Board of Education's art show in February.

Across the hall, art and drawing students of Mr. Darryl Johnson learned about perspective by drawing pictures of the room, the street and the city. After studying color and design, the artists began painting, with special emphasis on symbol painting by those in the advanced class.

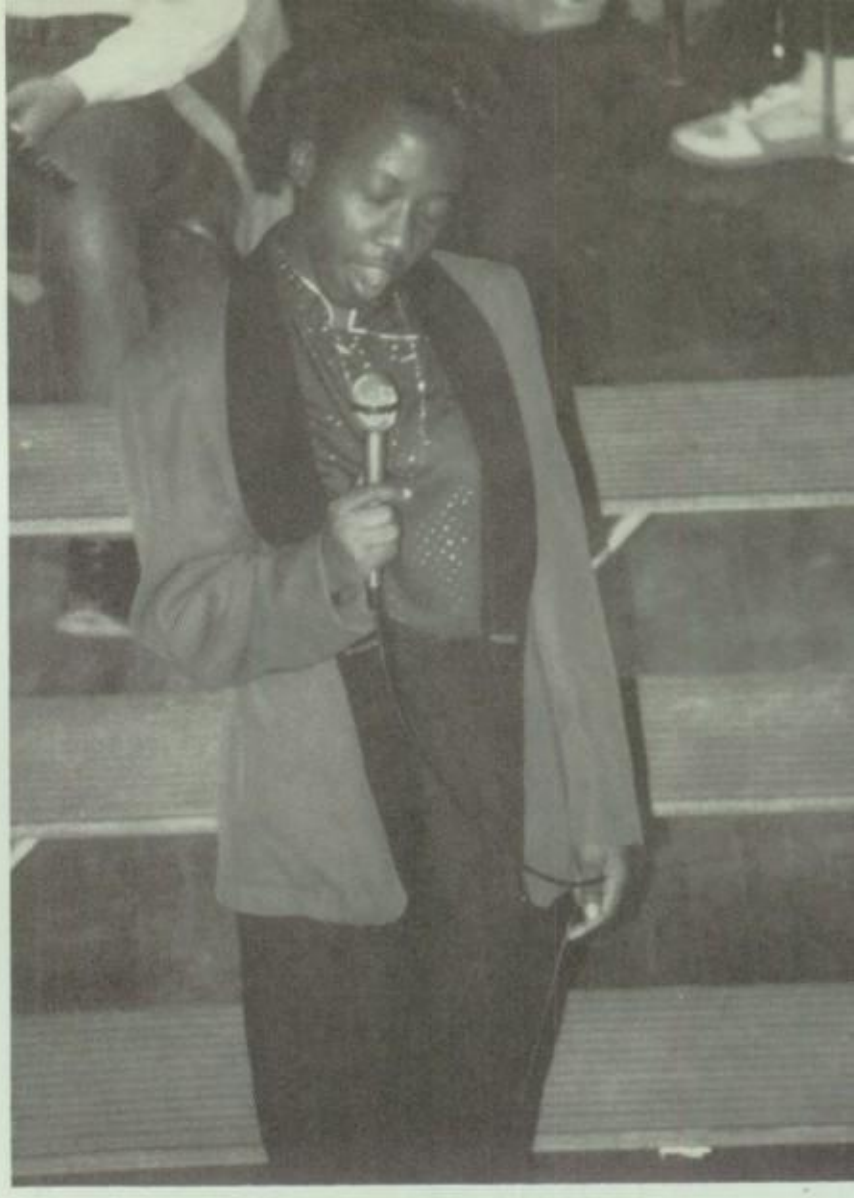
Mrs. Della Shirley added a fundamentals of art class to her home ec curriculum, using color and form in the different media of art as well as in clothing.

Creativity is one of the main factors in ceramics discovers Mechelle Briggs as she fashions leaves for her silhouette pot.

Fundamentals of art students Bounta Seodara and Teang Lao compare their futuristic drawings.

Throwing herself into her work in Ceramics I is junior Rosie Bailey.

Using the pinch method to design one of the many projects in ceramics is senior Demetria Quinn.



"Silent Night, Holy Night" is freshman Bernetta Lee's choice for the solo she sang at the Christmas assembly.

Sandra Yzaguirre and Ellick Cosby inquire about the Cry-slurs during visitation day at Northwest Classen.

MIXED CHORUS. *Front row:* Juanita Dawson, Larencetta Combs, Kim Benson, Bernetta Lee, Kimberly Bates, Patricia Eckhart, Debra Phillips, Cynthia Newell. *Row two:* LaRhonda Johnson, Dianna Whitfield, Christine Leonard, Natalie Berry, Ruth Gregory, Tammy Rasberry, Mary Knowles. *Back row:* Roshawn Richmond, Larry Denton, Don Luper, Marcus Quinn, Carl Poe, Shawn Morton, Johnny Ramsey. Director, Mr. Koehler Johnson.

Ms. Carol King accompanies the mixed chorus at the Christmas assembly as part of her contribution to Classen's music department.

Music fills all our lives

Classen's mixed chorus began its performing year by entertaining at the fall open house, which was co-sponsored by the Classen Parent support Group and the Human Relations Council.

"Through the Eyes of Love," the theme from the movie "Ice Castles," was a very appropriate vocal selection for the choir's part in the Homecoming Assembly.

The next two months were very busy, as the group was preparing for its annual Christmas assembly, as well as singing for the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel.

Freshman soprano Bernetta Lee sang a solo at the Christmas assembly, as well as at a church service at Epworth United Methodist Church.

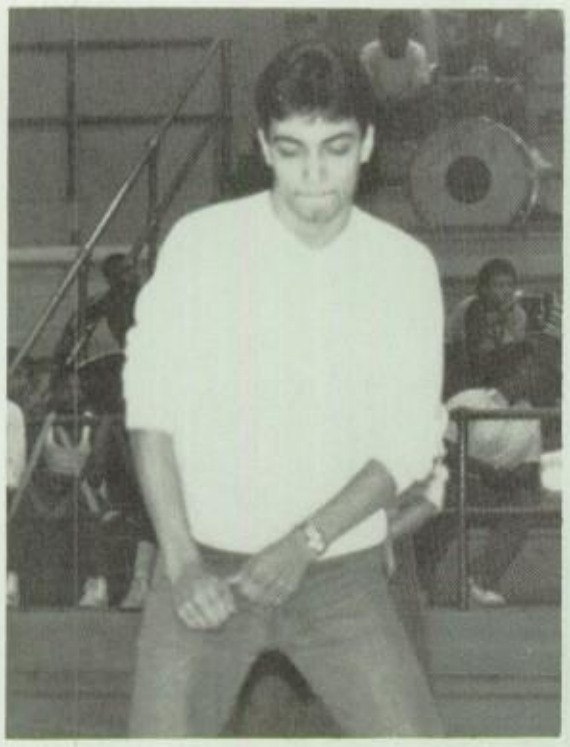
Northwest Classen hosted an all-city choral festival in March and the Classen singers were there, participating and competing.

The choir sang at both Baccalaureate and Commencement for the last performances of not only this particular group of singers, but also of the Classen High School choir.

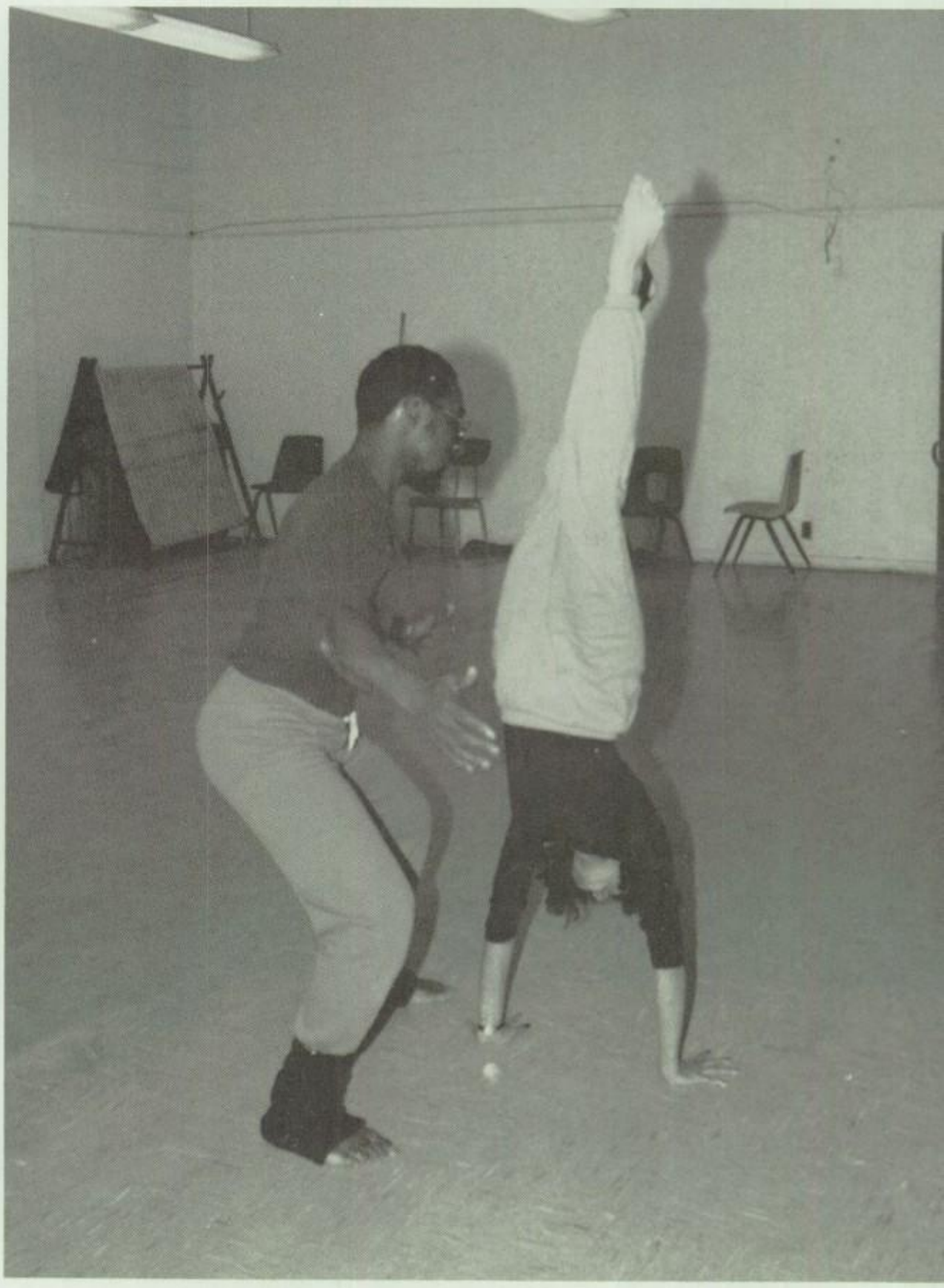
Orchestra violinist Kin Sau Uong practices a two-part strings arrangement with her instructor, Mrs. Susie Payne.

Practicing their own creative dance, Michelle House, Charlene Moore and Dawn Johnson work to an instrumental version of "Orchestration of Sweet Dreams."

Enrique Rivera returns to Classen in time to make his contribution to the CHS Dancers in their assembly presentation in February.



Really "gettin' down," is Toya Green, as she dances to the delight of the crowd at the last pep assembly.



Modern dance instructor Mr. Al Bostick, of BLAC, Inc., fame, spots Charlene Moore on a handstand in dance class.

The CHS Dancers make their debut at the homecoming assembly, entertaining the candidates and their escorts, as well as the assembled Comets.

Dancing to fame, fortune

Junior Elisha Taylor shares her dancing talent with the school at a February pep assembly, featuring the "Jock Sale."

Dancin' fever struck Classen High School and soon reached epidemic proportions.

After last spring's talent show brought out all that hidden talent, the CHS Dancers formally organized and began performing for the student body.

Under the leadership of David Msuya, the group made its debut at the homecoming assembly. In less than a month it had to survive the transfer of one of its main dancers, Shari Carter, to Northwest, but survive it did, going on to perform at pep assemblies and the talent show.

The modern dance class, under the tutelage of dancemaster Al Bostick, explored the intricacies of "traditional" modern dance, plus venturing into the realm of the experimental, with their assignments to create their own dances in groups.

"We worked so hard," gasped dancers Charlene Moore and Dawn Johnson, "but we have certainly learned a lot about dance!"

The class attended OU's production of "The Nutcracker" in December, along with drama students. Many also were able to see Ballet Oklahoma's "Nutcracker," as well as several professional dance troupes which played Oklahoma City.

"After having this class," summed up senior Mary Knowles," I now realize what all goes into those dances that look so easy and casual in the movies and on TV."

CHS DANCERS. *Front row:* Michelle House, Sharon Harris, Marla Blakely, Chelio Smith. *Row two:* Rodney Berry, Kim Marshall, Toya Green, Kevis Wright. *Back row:* David Msuya, "Head Dancer."

Fair projects

Sophomores Stephanie Smart and Angel Turley take advantage of the computer's correction and editing features to prepare the term paper they are writing for both history and English credit.

As an exercise in practical government, Mr Reber's U.S. history class serves as a jury in mock trial. The judge, attorneys for defendant and plaintiff and witnesses are OCU Law School students.

AP English students Becky Barten and An Nguyen listen intently as Ms. Barbara Erickson leads them through Shakespeare's *King Lea*

o double duty

English and history departments shared teachers, methods and projects, making both curriculum areas stronger.

AP English, open to both juniors and seniors, led students through the literary doors of Shakespeare and Chaucer, and to improving their writing skills by reading and writing essays.

The combined freshman and sophomore CP English class worked in conjunction with the history department on entries for the History Fair. The theme was "Triumph and Tragedy" and many of the participants learned new facts about their own backgrounds in their preparations.

Classen's participation in the District's Academic Decathlon meant that the ten members of our Alpha and Beta teams spent four months studying all the different disciplines, and celebrated Valentine's Day competing with teams from other city high schools at the Board. Classen won 2nd place.

"It was a good experience," observed Jennifer Cox, "but I didn't realize when we began that the days of competition would fall on our yearbook's final deadline day."

CP and AP history classes were available for those interested, and the psychology class was again the most popular selection in its time slot.

For Stephanie Vincent, Mitchell Hummingbird, Kendra Lamb and Mike Wetmore, history becomes a study of one's heritage.

"The Children of War" bring a new dimension to Jack Hollenbeck's understanding of global politics.

Meredith Taylor is briefed on what her trip to Washington, D.C. with Close-Up will be like by last year's delegate Henry Sanders.

Student teacher Ms. Helen Wolford assists students in basic math.

Science Club members Stephanie Vincent, Mike Wetmore and Karen Kirkpatrick prepare Santa Grams.

N.E. Science Center student Doug Lyon demonstrates the effect heat has on salt.

Course for future

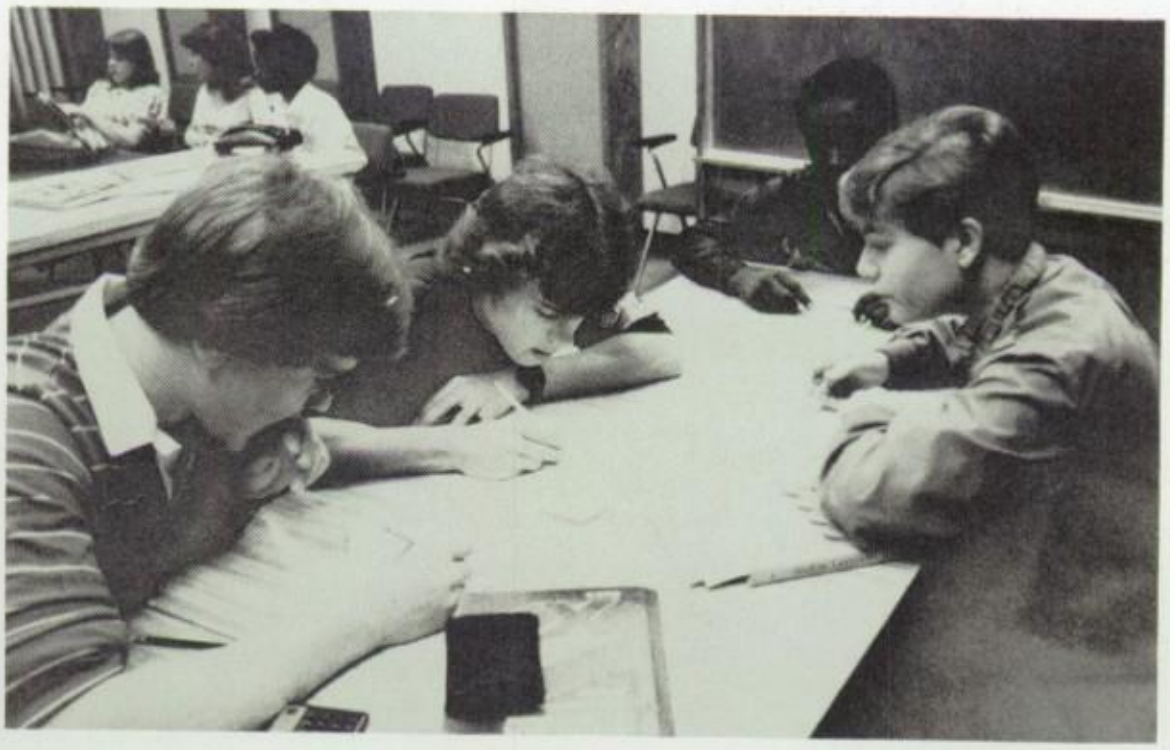
Although the Northeast Science Center offered advanced science and math classes, Classen's two respective departments did more than their share of providing a stimulating curriculum right here.

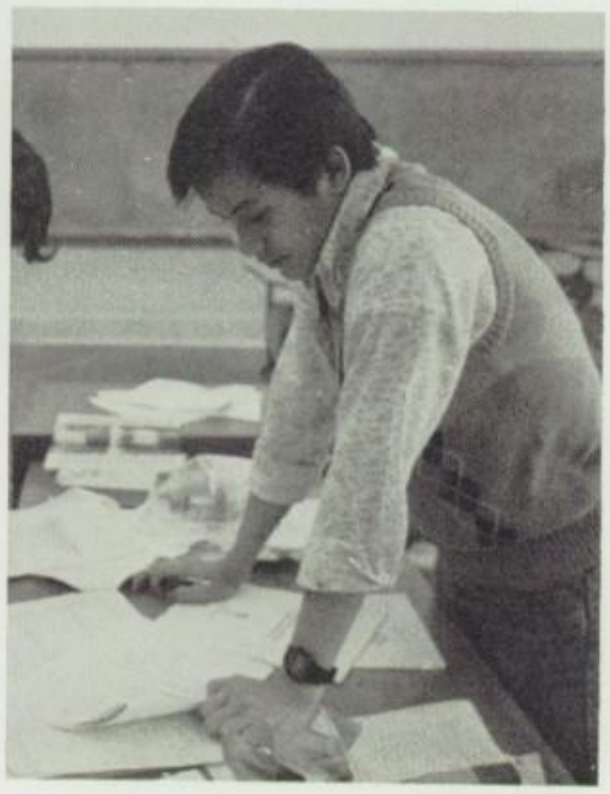
More students than ever before enrolled in college prep math classes, and, according to department chairman Mrs. Eunice Farbes, "The RAYG (Review As You Go) program used in all math classes will show a marked improvement in the CAT math scores this spring."

Sophomore Don Hibshman took on as his project for the Science Fair, a comparison between the Saxon algebra method and one he devised. Teachers in 10 middle and high schools tested his hypotheses.

College prep biology and chemistry provided a small teacher- pupil ratio, with more help for individuals.

Senior Lisa Krell, who plans to go into a dental assistant's program, said, "CP chemistry has given me a good preparation for the science classes I will have in my college program."

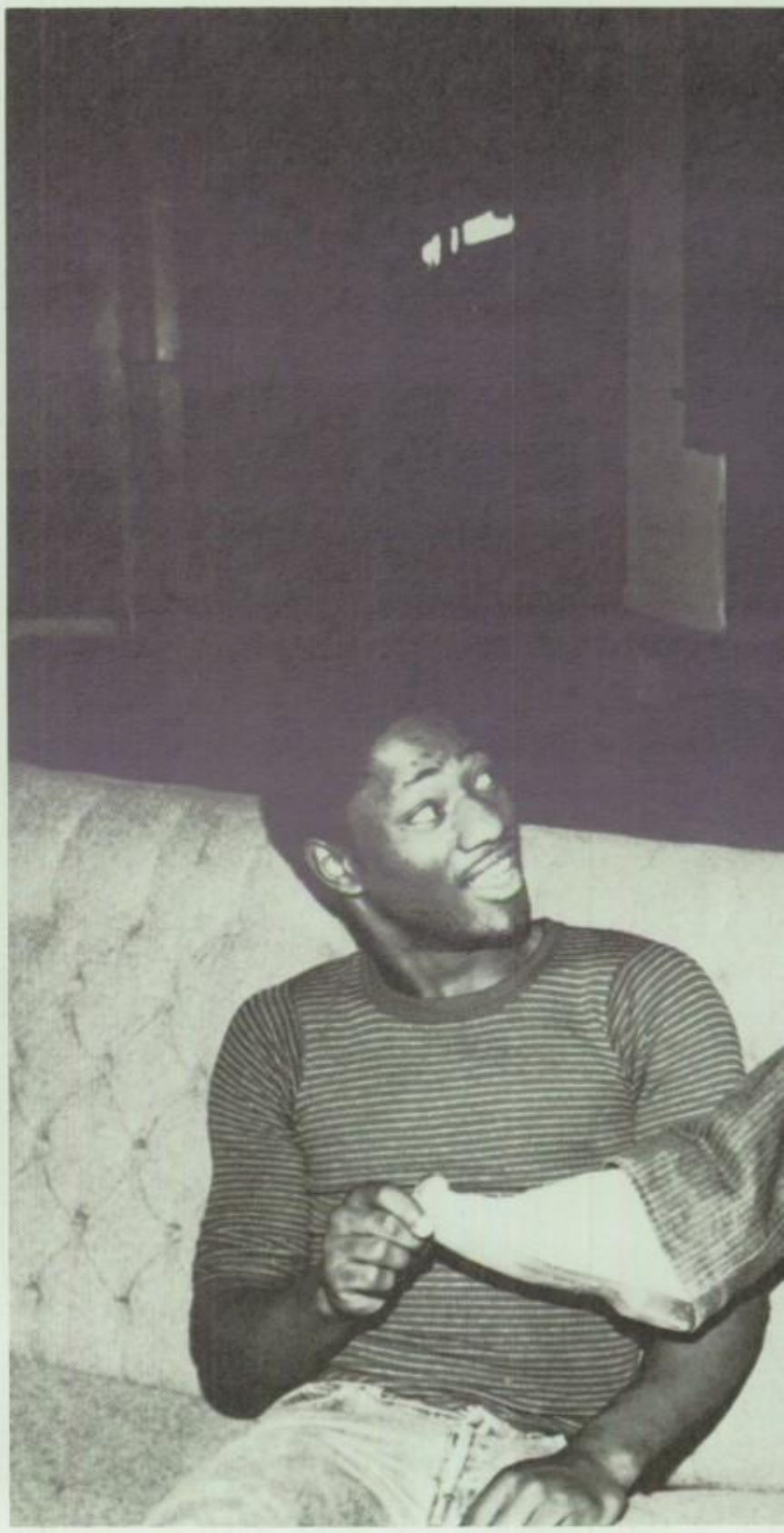




Cramming for their tests at the math contest are Eric Adler, Berry Dowell, Robert Wallace and Don Hibshman.

During the math study session for the Academic Decathlon team, Ngoc Pham tries to figure out where he went wrong.

In this scene from "The Little Man Who Wasn't There," Aunt Gwendolyn (Michelle Kiser) faints when she meets Ziggy (Mechele Greenway) for the first time.



A Readers' Theatre selection provides Shelly Davis, Jeanette Nolan and Patricia Ayala with a new type of drama activity.

FRENCH CLUB. *Front row:* Ngoc Pham, Lisa Hudson, officers. *Row two:* Danna Nubine, Shelly Spahn, Johnella Williamson, Patricia Robinson, Tawaska Mickens. *Back row:* Mrs. June McKitrick sponsor, Marla Blakely, Somchai Sy, Bobby Bartodej, Sonya Williams, Tien Nguyen.

Presenting the opening affirmative argument, debater Jimmy Judge outlines his case, as opponents Tracy Taylor and Scott Klepper, and partner Tina May take notes.

Get ready, Hollywood!

Speech and drama, long a tradition at Classen, shifted gears, changed classroom areas and then went forward to introduce interested students to the speech arts.

Speech students learned debate, extemporaneous speaking, dramatic and humorous interp, and took their entries in these events to a speech contest.

The basics of stage production were put to practical use, with the many other auditorium programs.

March brought the play, "The Little Man Who Wasn't There," with a student director, Michelle Jacoby, sharing her dramatic talents with a willing cast. The zany comedy was enjoyed by cast, crew and audience.

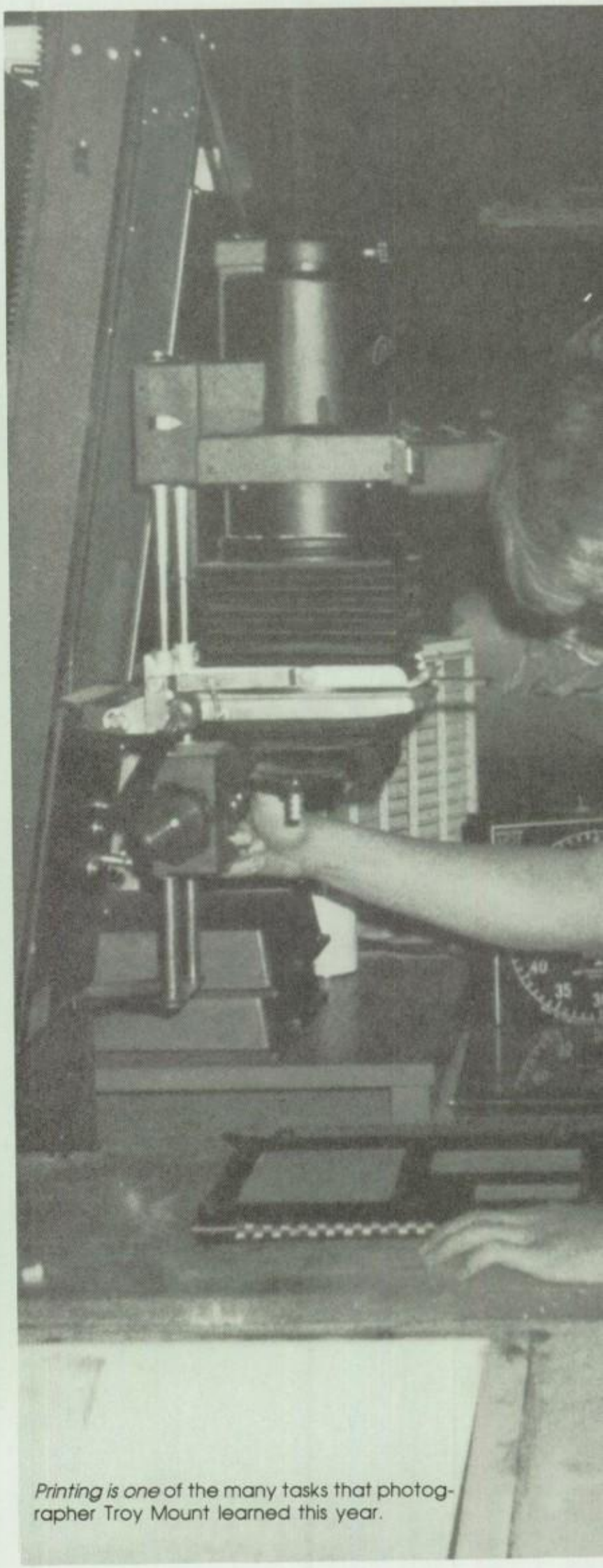
French and Spanish Clubs missed having the opportunity afforded them by a carnival to share good food, but did share items of cultural interest with their members.

Practicing a scene from their duet acting exercise, Tim Castro and Wendye Tomlinson entertain their speech class members.

Editing the

With cropper, ruler and grease pencil in hand, Tina May is ready to do a layout.

ORBIT. *Front row:* Robby Middleton, Brenda Niblett, Jennifer Cox, Michelle Jacoby, Tina May, Missy Wheeler. *Row Two:* Jayne Hollenbeck, Mary Knowles, Becky Barten, Charise Smith, Serita Wright, Michelle Whitebird, *Back row:* Michael Harrell, Alonzo Bailey, David Msuya, Rodney Berry, Ken Brewington, Troy Mount, Tammy Boughton.



Printing is one of the many tasks that photographer Troy Mount learned this year.

final chapters

The tasks facing any newspaper and yearbook staff always seem to be insurmountable, and that is on the good days. Add to that, all journalism classes being lumped into one class period and the Board's decision to cancel Classen's career as a high school and you have "a very strange year," according to adviser Ms. Marian Hulsey.

The editorship of the yearbook was in the only trained hands in the class, as Jennifer Cox had assumed command of the '84 book. "I've learned more about yearbooks than I ever wanted to know!" Jennifer summed up the year.

Classen Life resumed a newspaper format and went through several editors before senior Michelle Jacoby took over second semester.

"The core group was rather small but we did have some fun moments, mixed in with all the work," said Ms. Hulsey. "It will certainly be a year I won't ever forget!"

"Why doesn't it work?" is the question most asked by typists Rhonda Bordayo and Michelle Jacoby.

CLASSEN LIFE. *Front row:* Robbie Middleton, Johnella Williamson, Charlene Coy, Brenda Niblett, Michelle Jacoby, Tina May, Missy Wheeler. *Row two:* Jayne Hollenbeck, Kila Niblett, Mary Knowles, Larnardo Conley, Christine Sullivan, Serita Wright, Tammy Boughton. *Back row:* Becky Barten, Mike Harrell, Alonzo Bailey, David Msuya, Roberto Alvarez, Kenny Brewington, Charise Smith, Troy Mount.

Red Cross member Debbie Faulkender prepares to "do" the Heimlich maneuver on Henry Sanders, a lifesaving measure for someone who is choking.

Knowing the money will go to help the starving children in Ethiopia, Red Cross members Wendy Curzio, Stephanie Vincent, Mary Taylor, Angela Garner and Tracy Taylor issue plea, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

Henderson's Helpers Ravonne French and LaRhonda Johnson do just that by picking up trash in Classen's halls.

At a noon Red Cross meeting members plan their upcoming project to aid the starving children of Ethiopia.

Helping those in need

Red Cross meant lots of activity for Comets who chose to give of their time and energy to this worthwhile organization.

Before the CBS movie "Silence of the Heart," dealing with teenage suicide, members of Red Cross met at Channel 9 with other high school students, where they saw film clips and heard experts speak to the issue.

The chapter collected money for The Bridge of Hope, an Ethiopian relief project that was initiated at Classen. Generous Comets responded to the "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" posters.

Mid February brought '84 grad Wanda Stultz back to Classen to help conduct an all day first aid training course, where members learned to apply splints and tourniquets, to treat head injuries, cuts and burns, to use the Heimlich maneuver for choking victims, and the lifesaving CPR technique.

Another group designed for helping others, "Henderson's Helpers" participated in the Student Council's "Cans for Kids" campaign, which raised money for Children's Medical Research and Classen High School. Great Plains Coca Cola Bottling Company sponsored the can drive.

RED CROSS. *Front row:* Jennifer Kidwell, Missy Wheeler, Wendy Curzio, Stephanie Vincent, Carla Noblitt, Gloria McGee. *Row two:* Tammy Kidwell, Brandi Mock, Debbie Faulkender, Tracy Taylor, Tammy Boughton, Angela Garner. *Back row:* Francisco Herrera, John Hughes, Hung Ly, Charles Mooney, Mrs. Barbara Erickson, Sponsor.

HENDERSON'S HELPERS. *Front row:* Michelle Young (treas.), Detra Knight (secy.), Ravonne French (pres.), Floyce Young (v. pres.). *Row two:* Mrs. Joyce Henderson, sponsor, Shonna Allen, Lelia Case, Barberena Payne, Anna Lee Whitlock. *Back row:* Mike Wilson, LaRhonda Johnson.

Woodworking students Kevin Sinnett, Gena Pair and Jesse Campbell receive instruction from their instructor Mr. Willie Case in applying a bead of glue to reinforce a wood joint.

Skills for today and future

ICE (Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education) is a vocational program that allows students to earn four credits per year, two for attending class and two for working at a part-time job.

Classwork is spent studying job getting skills, human relations, money management, general work survival skills and communication.

The corresponding club, VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) provides leadership development. Members attended a district leadership conference and the State Skill Olympics, where they competed in various skills.

Welding and woodshop classes, from beginning to advanced, offered students the opportunity to learn these skills without having to leave the grounds to go to Vo-Tech.

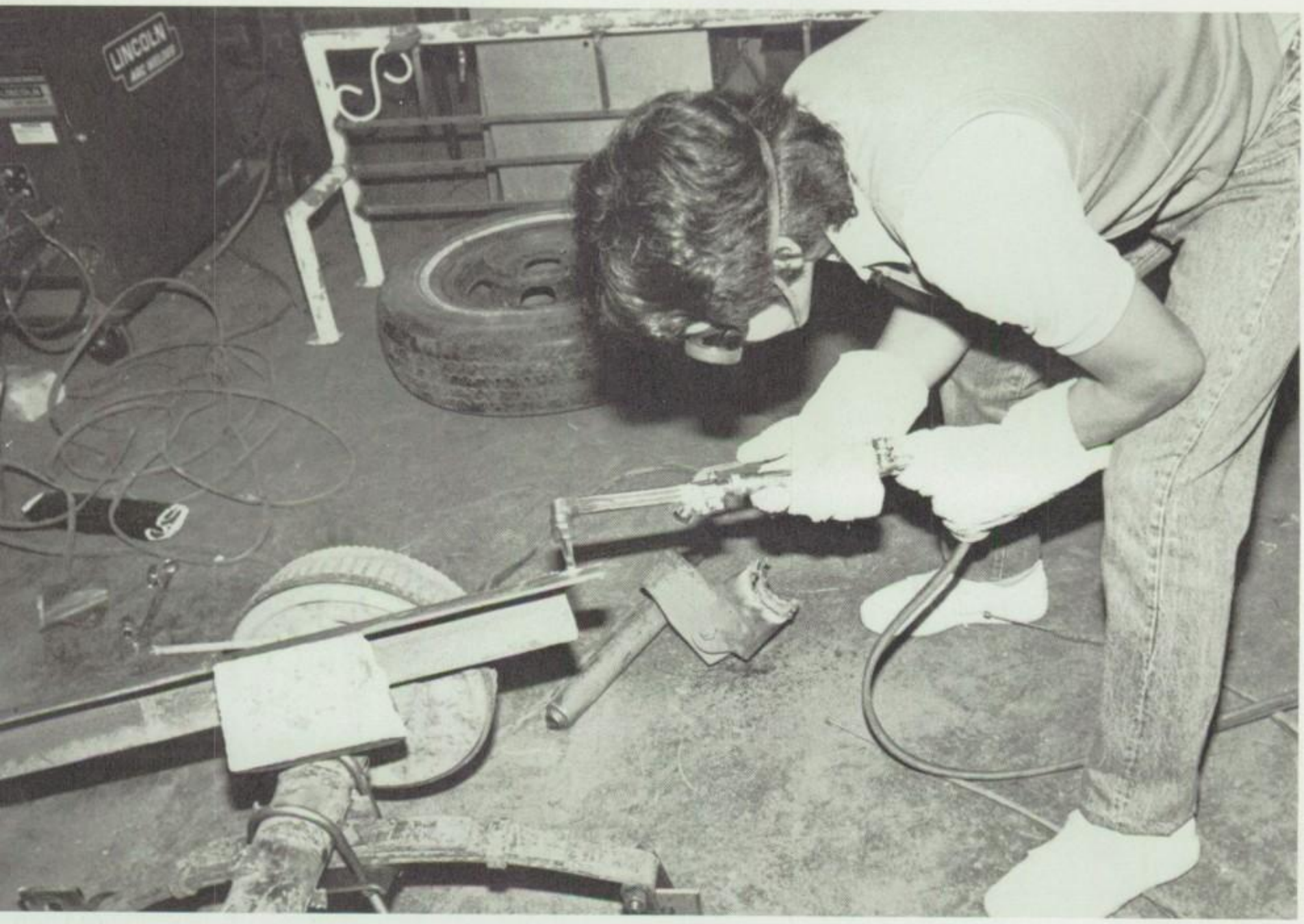
Welding students made smokers out of propane tanks, plant stands sleighs and reindeer at Christmas.

At the other end of the hall in the woodshop, both male and female students learned how to use power tools safely, with some students producing some very sophisticated pieces of furniture.

Advanced students from both classes displayed at the Industrial Arts Fair, held at Quail Springs Mall in the fall.

VICA. *Front row:* Marla Blakley, Lisa Krell, Michelle Harp, Sonja Tidmore, Michelle Harris, Cindy Rackley. *Row two:* Elisha Taylor, Steven Shelby, David Winters, Chris Collins, Tracy Fields, Kelly Minor, Michelle Whitebird. *Back row:* Francisco Herrera, Rick Embry, Marcus McDonald, Tony Koehler, Gary Mahurin, Cyndi Newell, Mrs. Gail Griffin, Sponsor.

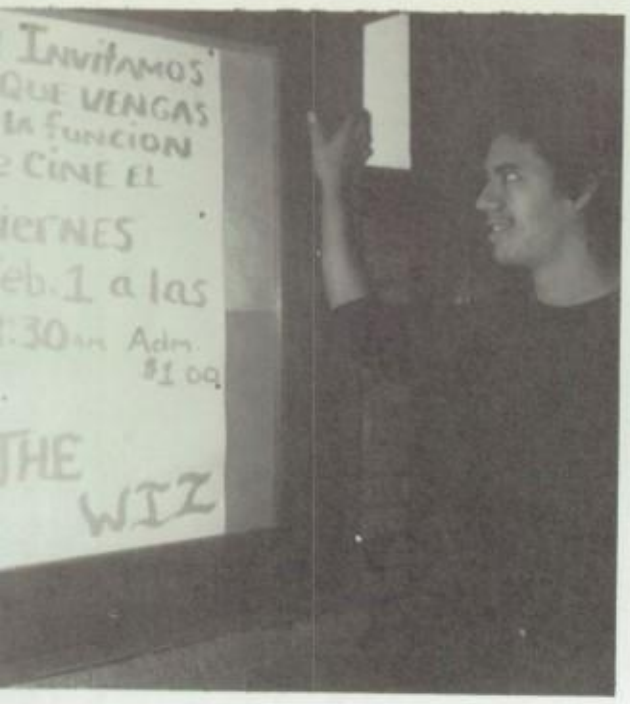
Using safety goggles and gloves, Rudy Estrada welds a support piece onto the frame of the car he is fixing for his project.



VICA's main project, the Student Store, is tended by Tracy Fields, as she sells LeAnnesya Jones a Classen baseball cap, destined to become a collector's item.

Freshman Donna Allen buys her ticket for "The Wiz" from Human Relations Council member Cindy Rackley, as HRC chairma Mrs. Wanda Johnson looks on.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL. *Front row:* Mrs. Nguyet Nguyen, Sengsavanh Sychareun, Tony Clark, Letitia Brown, Cindy Rackley, Diep Nguyen, Demetria Quinn, Mrs. Joyce Henderson. *Row two:* Vasithy Sengdara, Thonguanh Vongsurith, Chhoy Chong, Bryon Quintero, Lisa Krell, Pechmony Uong, Mr. Co Can Tran, Mrs. June McKitrick. *Back row:* Mr Marilynn Sparks, Dr. Gashaw Lake, Mr. Tie Sour Keam, Ms. Marian Hulsey, Mrs. June Ha ris, Ms. Jean Munde, Maurice White, Mr Wanda Johnson.



HRC member Byron Quintero checks his sign, advertising "The Wiz" in Spanish. The group sponsored the film to raise money for Ethiopia.

Duc Van Nguyen and Cam Nguyet Ly check their Vietnamese poster for "The Wiz" for the Human Relations Council.

Classen Family shares cultures

A new organization at Classen, the Human Relations Council, sprang into existence after some conflicts in the fall forced the members of Classen's family to realize that we had to learn to get along better.

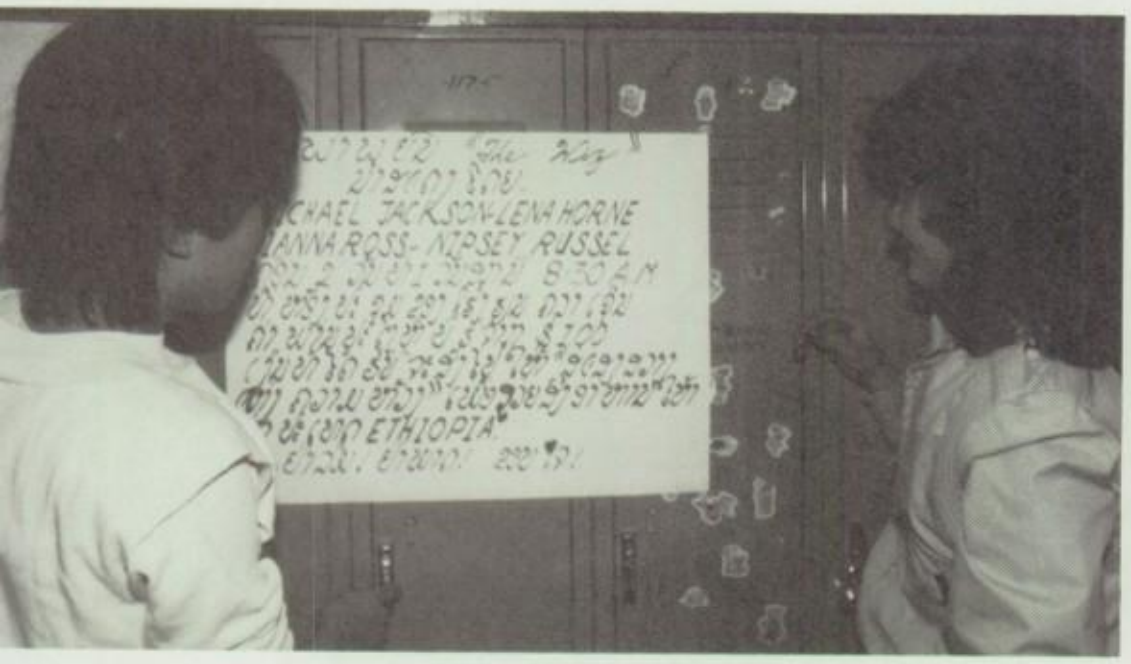
The group held an International Dinner the night of Open House, in conjunction with the Parent Support Organization, and entered a float in the homecoming parade.

The last of January the group worked with Classen's Red Cross chapter to raise money for starving children in Ethiopia. HRC sponsored a movie, "The Wiz," and sold popcorn, clearing $115 for the relief effort.

February is Black Heritage Month and at Classen, that was expanded to include the many cultures represented. The week of Feb. 17 was Heritage Week, with each group sharing food and bits of its culture with other members of the family.

Classen's Parent Support Organization continued to offer help to the school and its people, but enthusiasm waned after the announcements of Classen's closing as a high school.

President Mrs. Linda Kirkpatrick continued her efforts to make even the last months of Classen High School memorable to "follow tradition and go out in style."



The Laotian sign for "The Wiz" is posted by its artists, Sengedara Sychareun and Pechmony Uong, HRC members.

Principal Mrs. Joyce Henderson addresses the HRC/Parent Support Organization-sponsored International Dinner, held in conjunction with Classen's fall open house.

"The icing on the cake" serves as a vehicle for expressing Paula Lovelady's artistic talents, with the aid of instructor Mrs. Della Shirley.

CVET hones life skills

The letters CVET appear on the master schedule under several different headings, but the third-floor section, under the direction of Mrs. Paula LeMaster produces some wonderful results.

The Coordinated Vocational Educational Training program for freshmen and sophomores provides hands on training in home and community services, in particular, food services, child development, clothing production and career exploration.

Where possible, on the job site training is used. The last 9 weeks, students will provide volunteer services at the Head Start Day Care Center.

"It allows the kids to see the practical application to all they have studied in the classroom," Mrs. LeMaster remarked.

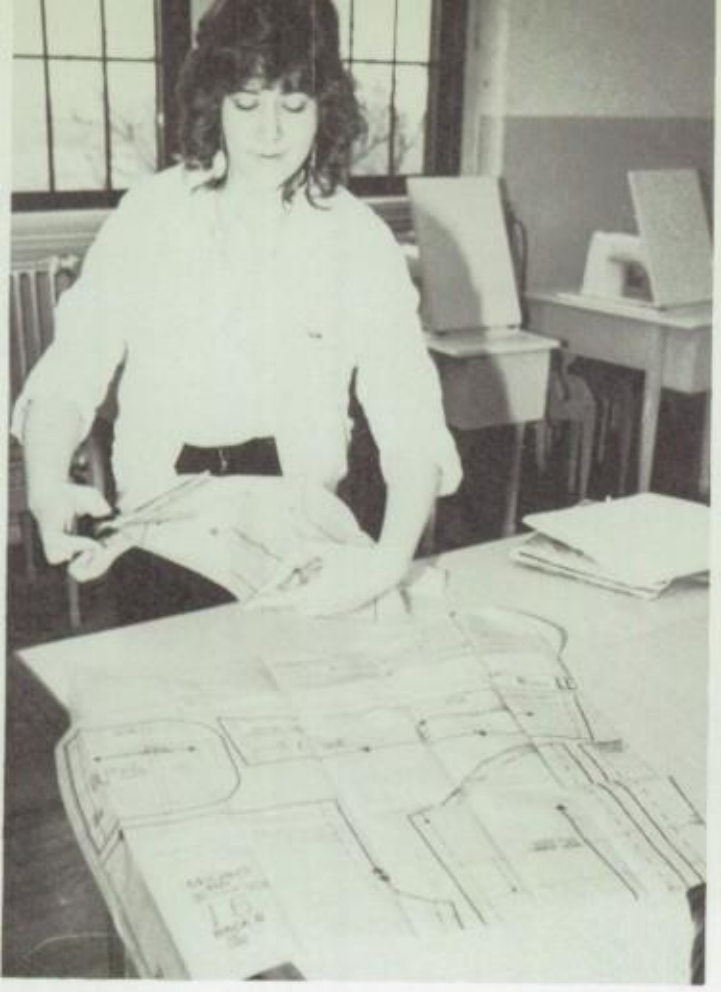
Their service at school includes baking Christmas and Valentine goodies, which they share with members of the faculty.

Other home economics courses cover general foods and nutrition studies.

Clothing students learn how to select materials and patterns which are compatible and suitable, and then take their projects through to completion

Advanced clothing student Serita Wright has been sewing for five years and makes most of her own clothes. "I discovered," explained Serita, "that I can have twice as many clothes, and, besides, they are made better and I like them more!"

Rhonda Starrett wishes she had chosen to make a straight skirt, as she pins the hem in her full circle skirt.



A very necessary but often trying step in sewing is pinning on the pattern, discovers Kathy Norwood.

Christmas time, with its festive foods, is a perfect setting for Home Ec students Ona Ransom and Kim Ballard to share their baked goodies with Ms. Cheryl Dobbs and Ms. Tammy White. Members of the faculty and staff were entertained at the class Christmas party.

Junior Tina Decker uses her advanced sewing class to design and make herself an entire wardrobe.

HI students Meredith Taylor, Letitia Brown Martha Olivares, Anna Lee Whitlock, Henr Sanders, Ona Ransom, Yvonne King, Kim Mc Coy and Billy Perry pose with Officer Susa Grappe at Moore-Norman Vo-Tech.

Bilingual studies are made easier for Hoa Lim, by the use of recording equipment in the ESL lab.

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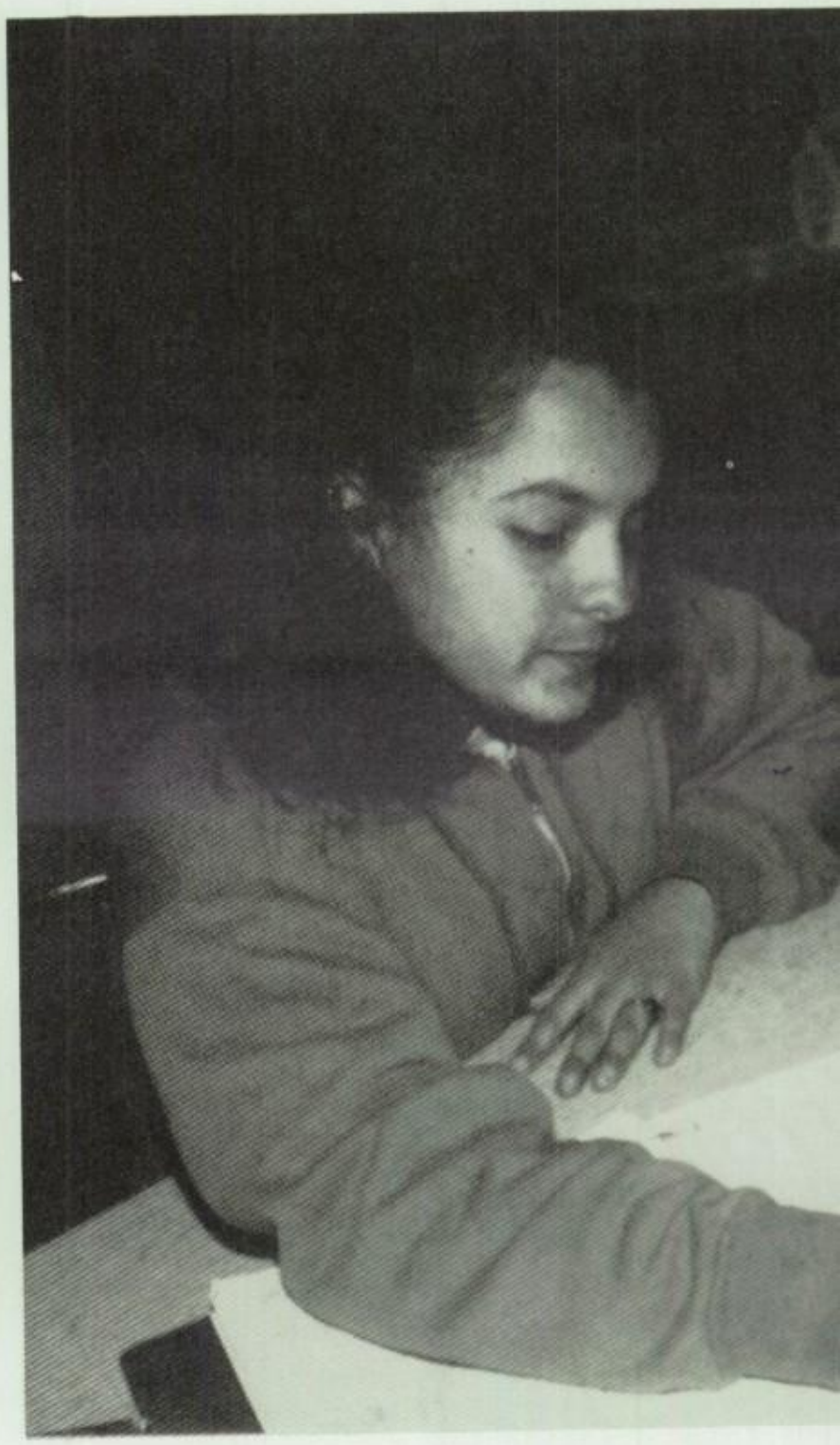
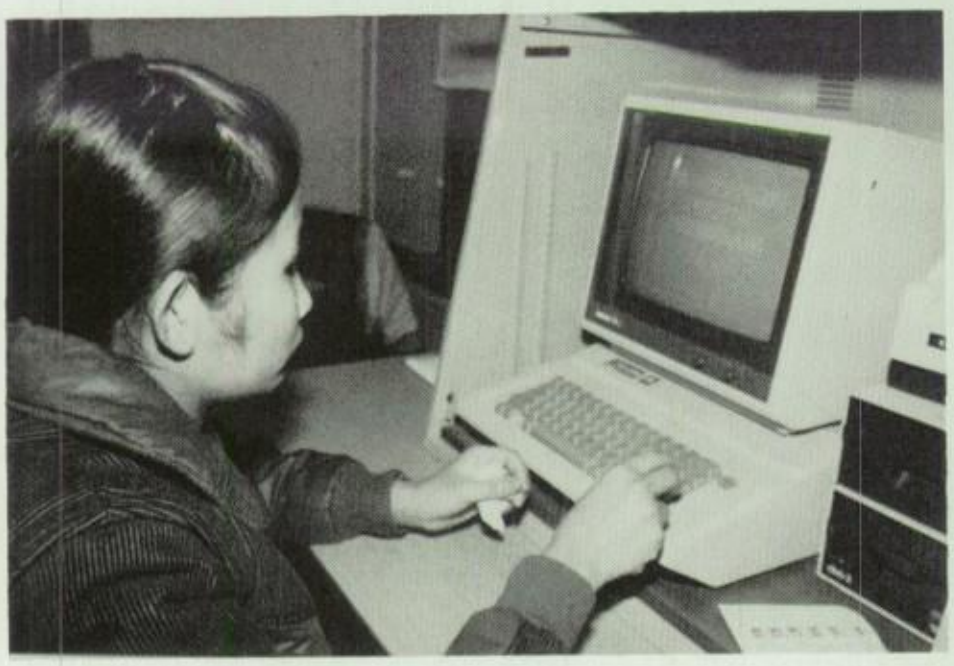




Using the computer in the ESL lab to improve her English skills pays off for senior Nan Lay, who made Principal's Honor Roll.

Yvonne King prepares a lesson for her class-time with H-I instructor Ms. Cheryl Dobbs.

Indian students James Williams and Rosanna Bighorse host the Okla. City Title IV booth at OU's Indian Education Seminar in the fall.

special Comets

One of the things that makes Classen special is the special programs conducted here.

ESL (English as a Second Language) used computers to assist students from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Mexico with their basic English skills. Ten bilingual students are among the group of last graduates of Classen High School.

Upstairs at the end of B hall, 17 hearing impaired students gathered each day for special instruction in core subjects, and help with subjects they take in regular classrooms.

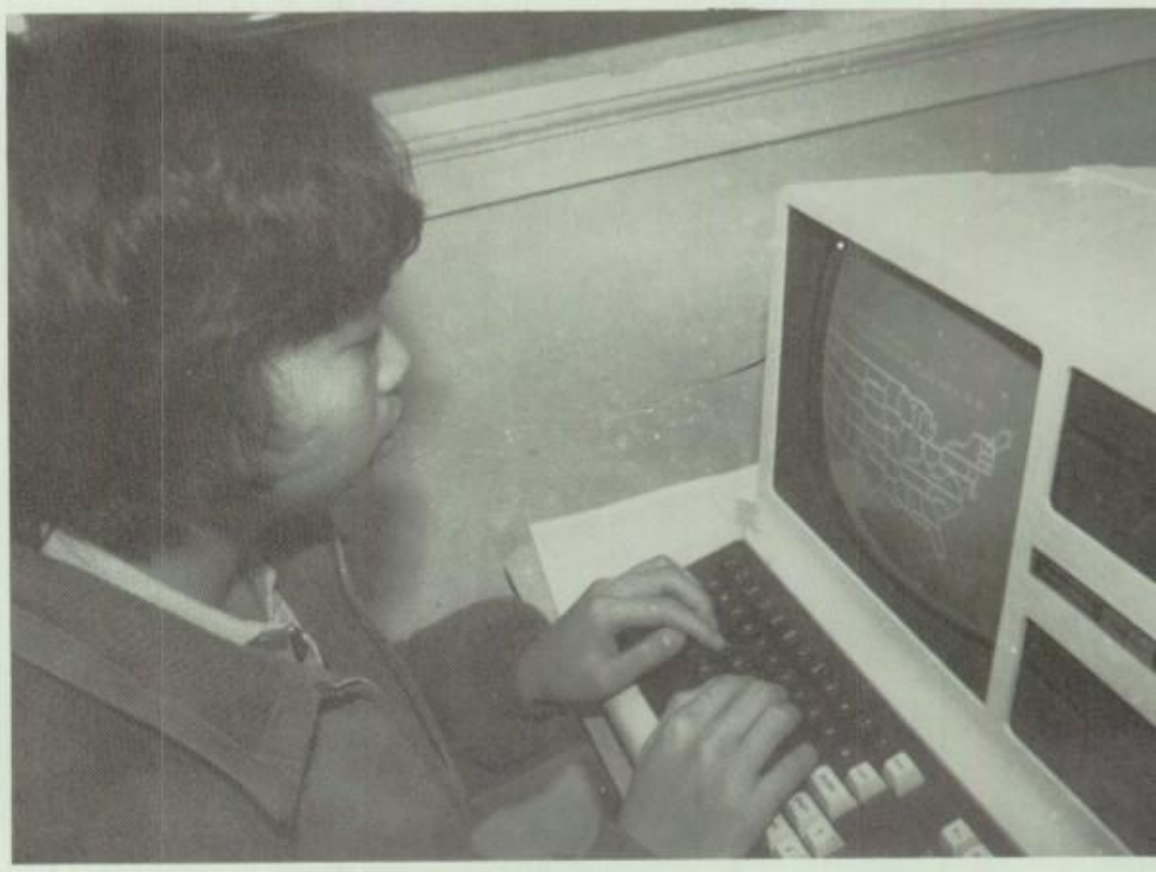
A special treat was the visit of New Orleans policewoman, Ms. Susan Grappe, who happens to be deaf also. She met with H-I students from the Metro OKC area, showing them that "there are no limits to what you can become."

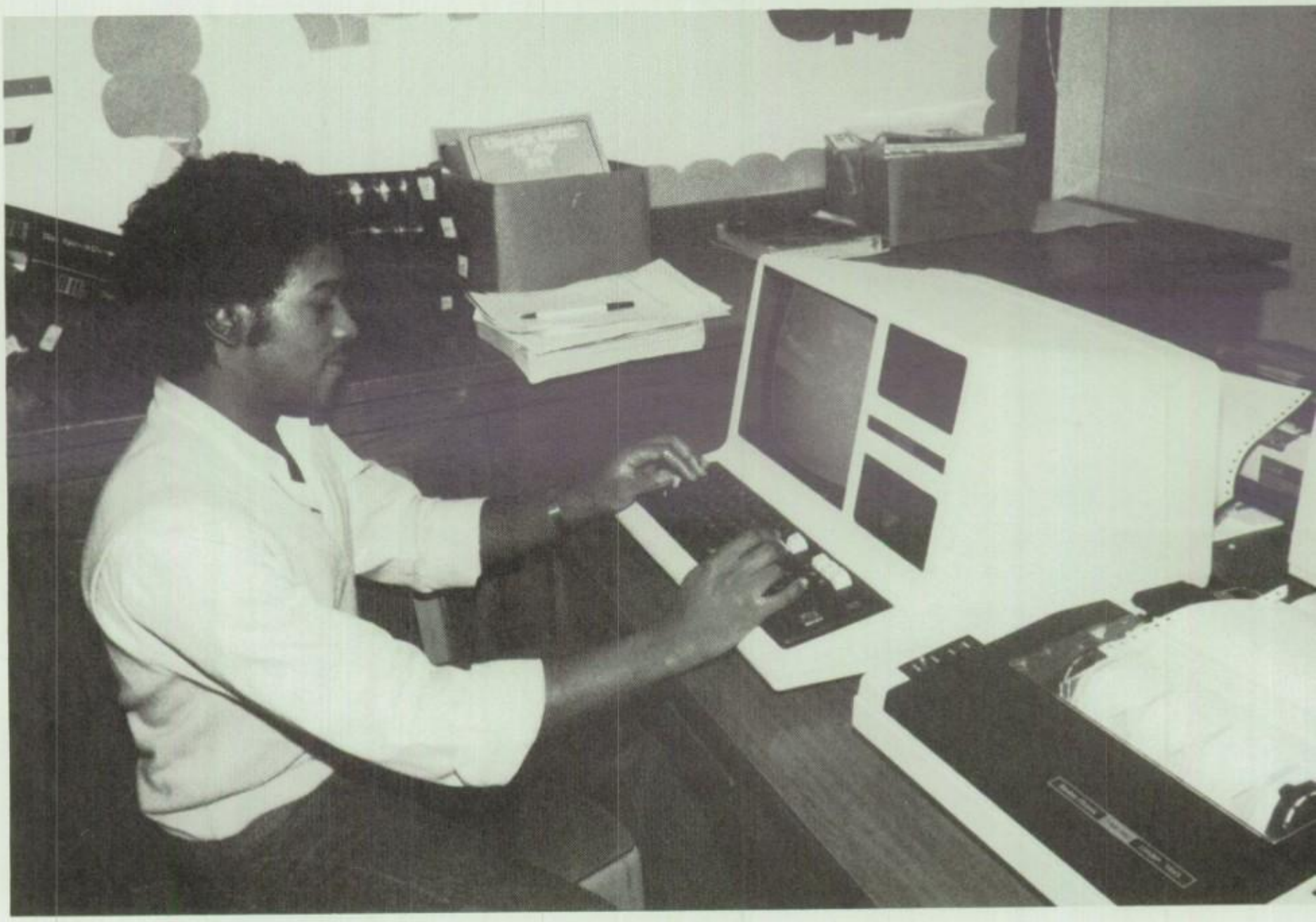
Indian students were aided in developing their knowledge and appreciation of their cultures by counselor Mrs. Pat Tremain, who also conducted special skill sessions in interpersonal relations.

The district's visually impaired students also attended Classen, under the tutelage of Ms. Carol King.

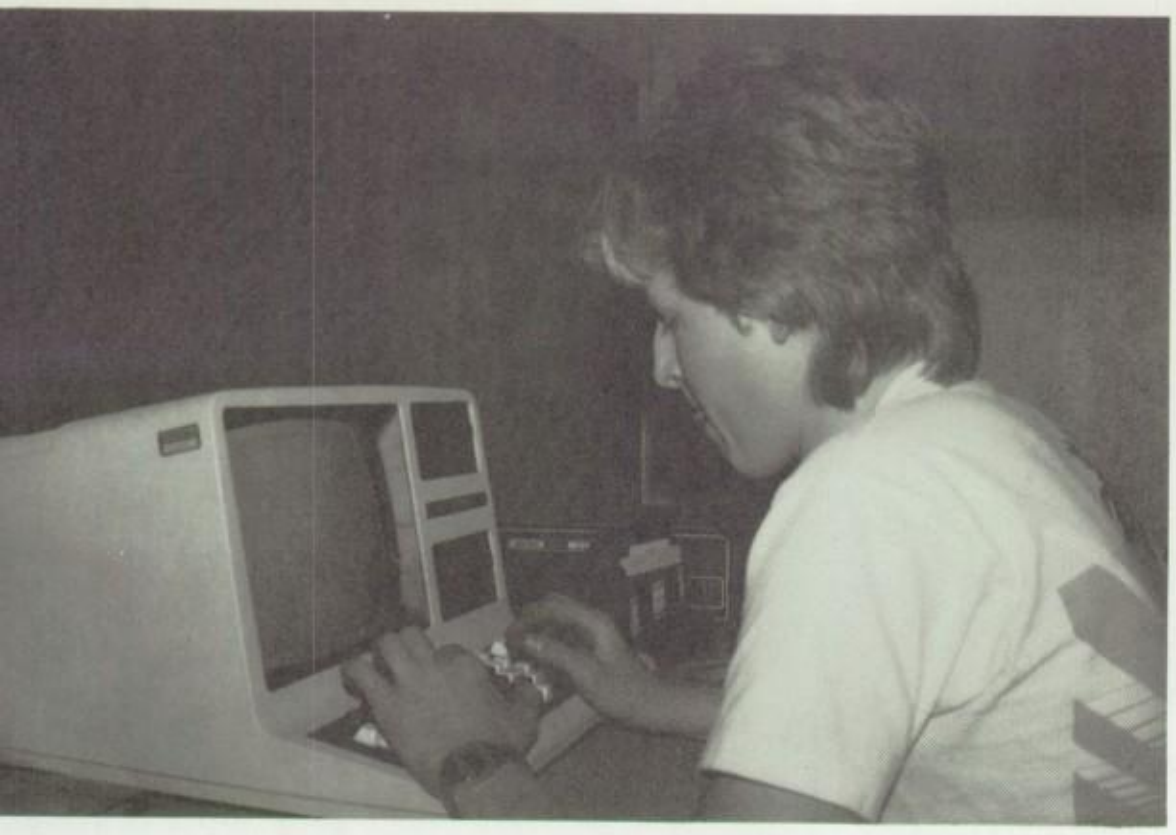
Martha Olivares takes advantage of the help bilingual aide Mrs. Marilynn Sparks has to offer in the ESL lab.

Using a computer to help him with his United States history assignment, Tuan Pham plots state capitols on the map on the screen.



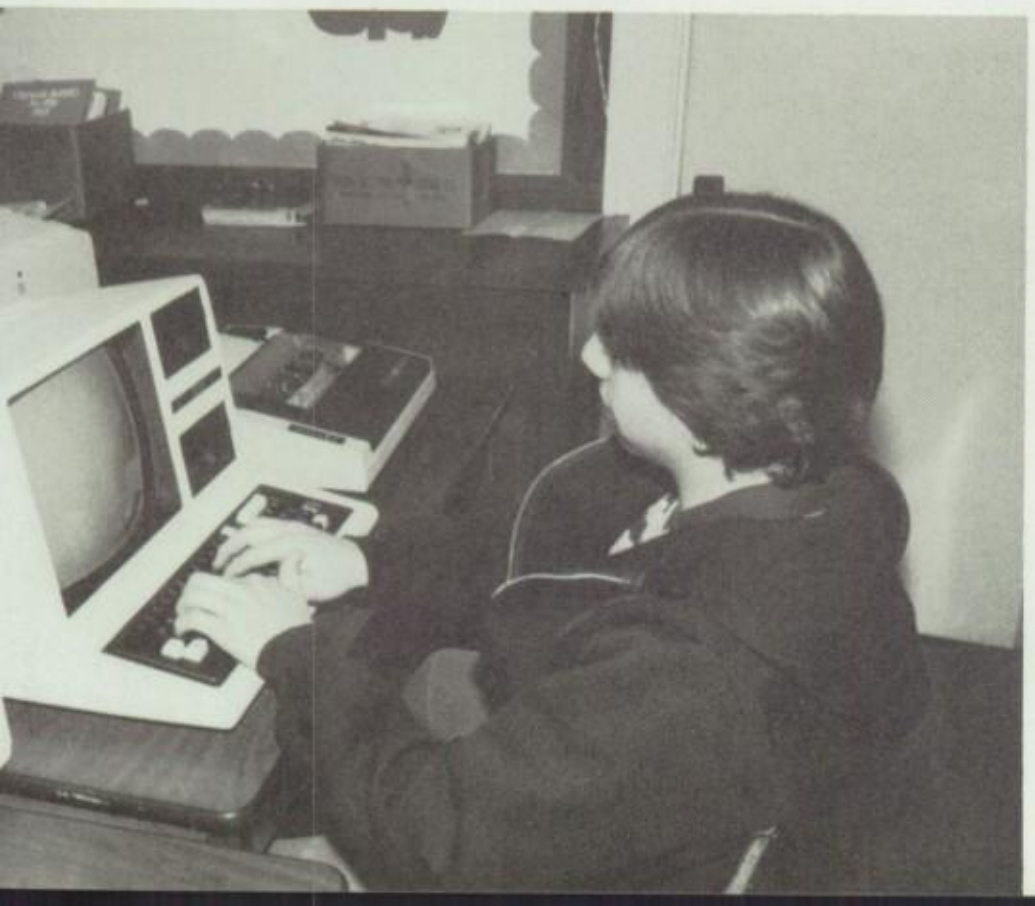


Senior Don Luper is looking ahead to ways of using computers to help in his college work, as well as in his future career.



Sheer determination is what gets Rick Embry through his computer class.

Computers - the future is now



"TRSDOS READY" is not a command from one space ship to another, but, rather, the message on the computer screen that you are ready to proceed in your program.

The computer lab was moved to a new room, received a new teacher, Mrs. Linda West, and took interested students into a new world — the world of Basic, TRSDOS and SuperSCRIPSIT.

A pleasant surprise greeted business teacher Dr. Joan Kopper upon her return to school in August. She had to climb over 25 boxes containing TRS-80 Model 4 computers to get into her accounting room.

Data processing utilized the word processing programs of the Model 4's to further the preparation of serious computer/business students for the real world, which seems to be heading for computer-wiseness in almost every field a student might enter.

Sticky fingers are just what you don't need in word processing, demonstrates Thomas Hice.

Timi Harris, president of Northeast's FBLA, installs Classen's president Veronica Blakely in the fall.

Dr. Joan Kopper visits with her homeroom representatives to Student Council as the rest of her typing class begins its drill.

FBLA aims for business fame

Classen's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America was 27-members strong. Led by president Veronica Blakely, the club attended conferences in Tulsa and Kansas City, as well as the State Convention in the spring.

The club's training programs are designed for high school students who plan to pursue careers in the business field.

As a philanthropy project, club members held a Christmas party for toddlers at Children's Memorial Hospital.

The school program which corresponds to the club side of business is COE, Cooperative Office Education. Students spend two hours in the classroom and receive one hour's credit for on the job training. While in the classroom, future businesswomen have hands-on practice on such business machines as computers, electric and electronic typewriters and dictation machines.

Accounting students learned how to keep their personal finances, to set up books for small businesses and, second semester, how to figure their income taxes.

Accounting students Nan Lay, John Hughes, Blaine Lewis and Linda Velez look over a 1040 form, as part of their income tax unit.

COE student Kim Jackson is learning to use various types of business machines, including a dictaphone, as she transcribes a letter onto her electronic typewriter.

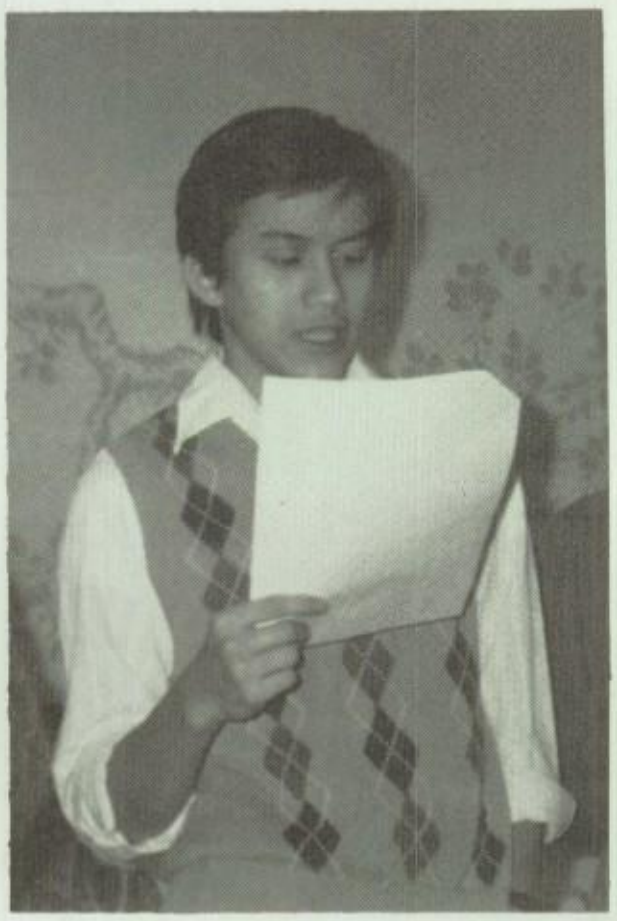
At the winter FBLA conference in Kansas City, Missouri, Veronica Blakely and Jacob Cobb listen to a speaker after a luncheon.

FBLA. *Front row:* Tammy Sturgeon (V. Pres.), Veronica Blakely (Pres.), Cozetta Case (Secy.), Jacob Cobb (Rep.), Demetria Quinn (Parl.), Sharon Williams (Treas.). *Row two:* Kim Jackson, Mary Knowles, Tonya Parker, Tracy Taylor. *Row three:* Rhonda Harrison, Diannia Baker, Elba Mestanza, Candace Lovell, Angela Garner, Kim Lovell. *Back row:* Diep Nguyen, Ana Badillo, Minh Truong.

NHS new initiate Tracy Taylor collects David Washington's contribution to Harvest II, a community service project in which Classen's chapter participated.

Giving Westminster Retirement Manor's Santa a hug at the NHS caroling party are Jennifer Cox and Charlene Moore.

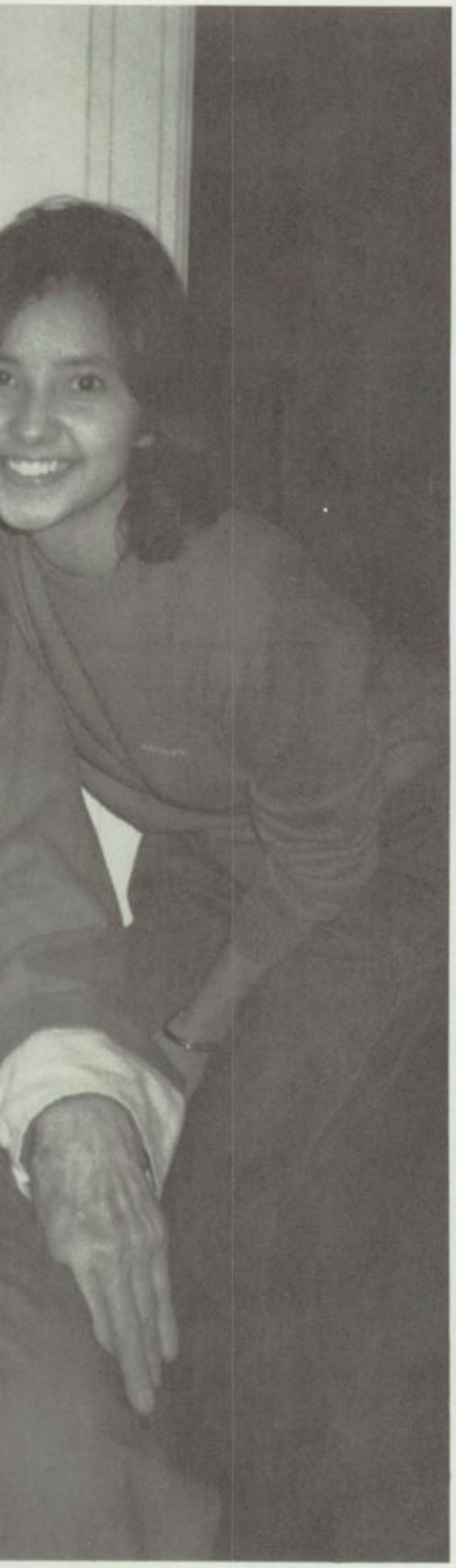
At the October initiation, senior Minh Truong lights the candle for her station, scholarship, after instructing the new members about its value to their school endeavors.



Ngoc Pham is even serious about his singing as the National Honor Society shares Christmas carols with residents of Westminster Manor.

Making last year count

Carrying on tradition



Hard work and determination in academic work as well as school and community activities are the criteria for selection to Classen's chapter of National Honor Society.

In October the group initiated seven sophomores who were immediately put to work on the Thanksgiving project — collecting canned goods for Harvest II. The community-wide effort netted more than 200,000 pounds of food for needy families in Okla. and Cleveland counties.

"NHS screens students on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership and service," explained president Ngoc Pham, "and continues to stress involvement after initiation, by requiring school and community service points."

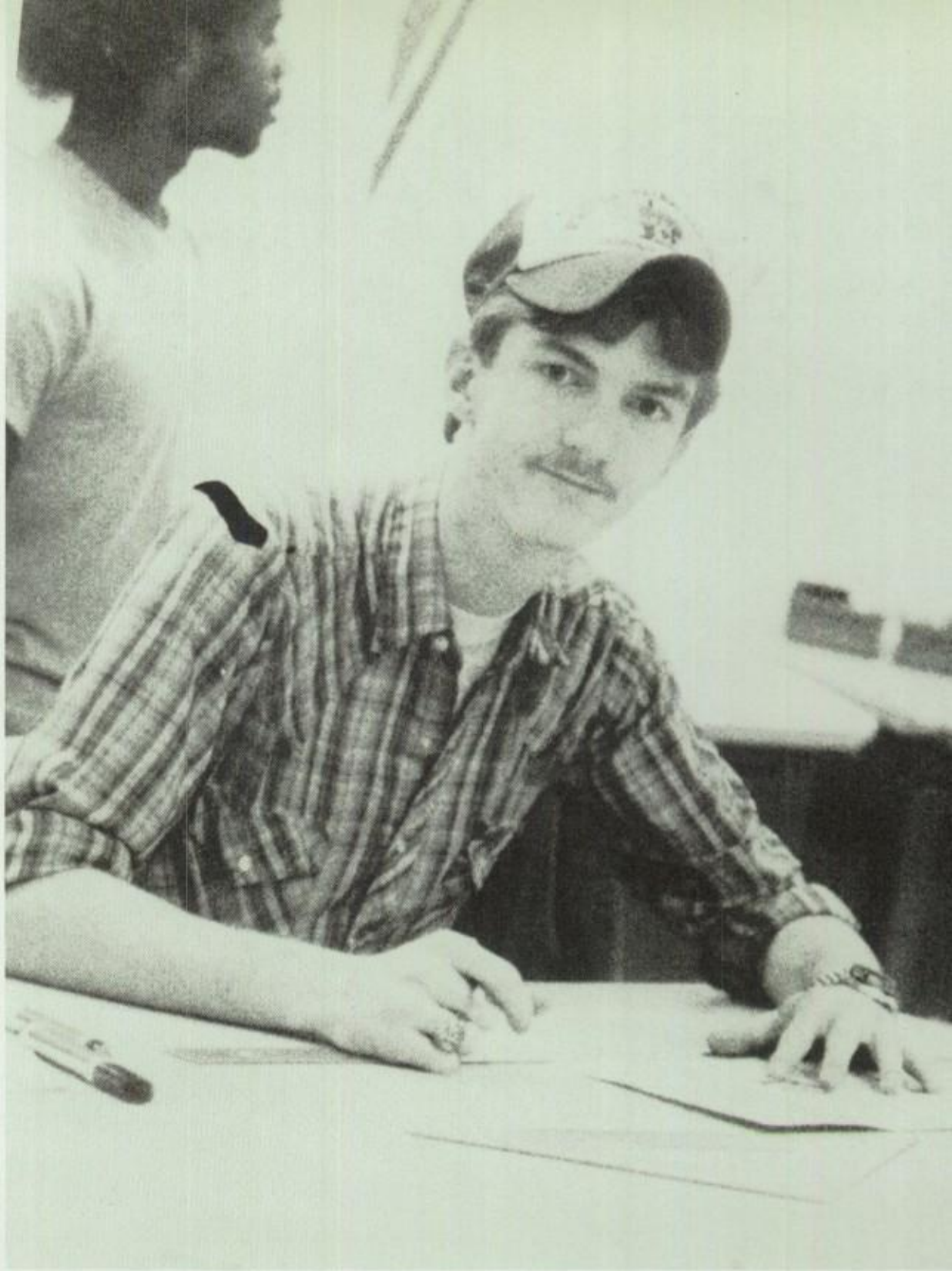
Christmastime found members caroling a retirement home, where residents shared Christmas music and cookies with the chapters from Classen and Northeast.

As an ongoing service to the school, members provided tutoring in math, science, English or social studies.

Classen's closing meant the strengthening of the chapters at Northeast, Northwest Classen and Douglass.

Sharing the Christmas spirit through music brings happiness to sophomore honor society member Kori King.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. *Front row:* Louis Lyon (v. pres.), Ngoc Pham (pres.), Charise Smith (sec.). *Row two:* Tuan Pham, Kori King, Tracy Taylor, Minh Nguyen. *Back row:* Jenni-Cox, Karen Kirkpatrick, LaRhonda Johnson, An Nguyen, Mrs. Barbara Erickson, sponsor.



Comet Phillip Casey designs an advertising brochure for a local company in his commercial art class at Foster Estes Vo-Tech Schoo

Ready for future

When vo-tech schools were first opened, most of the students who attended were seeking training for a job, with little or no thought about higher education.

That image has changed and, although vocational-technical schools still offer training in specific job areas, they are attended by college-bound honor students, as well as those who are not as academically oriented.

"My vo-tech training," explained senior Jimmy Tate, "is going to help me work my way through college."

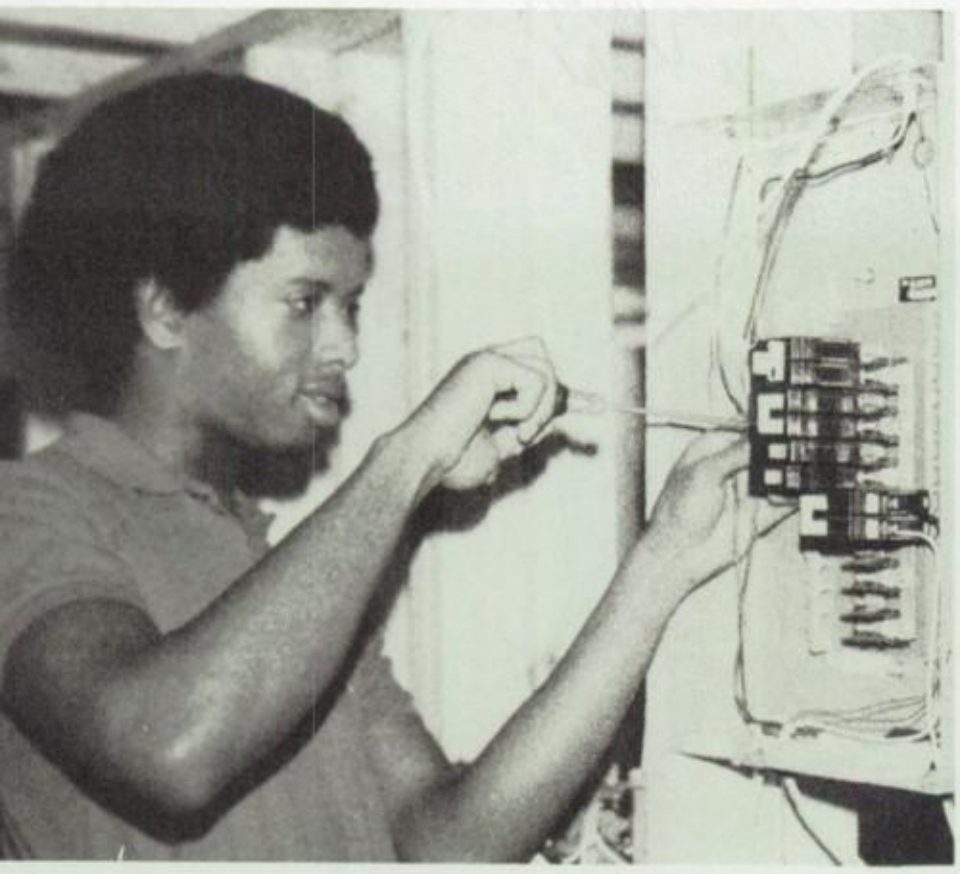
Foster Estes Vo-Tech offers 1 two-year programs and two 1-yea classes. Springlake Vo-Tech has fou 1-year programs.

Roshawn Richmond's commercia art course has nurtured his talen and given him a good basis for pur suing a career in art.

"If students stay in their program for two years, they have a ver good basic education in that area, commented Mrs. Mary Ann Olson Vo-Tech counselor at Classen.

Melody Goode proves that females can make good auto mechanics, as she and Ramon Landeros check out a classmate's pickup engine.

Auto mechanics helps Victor Valle, Ramon Landeros, Melody Goode and Sombath Seodara keep their own vehicles running.



Learning the safe way to work with electricity, Michael Washington hopes to get a job as an electrician.

The computer programming class at Foster Estes Vo-Tech is providing specific job skills for Jimmy Tate and Dorris Moore.

Roshawn Richmond is planning to go on with commercial art, after completion of his vo-tech course.

TAKE THREE:

HONORS

Classen Awards - a proud tradition

The stars of the production

The 1985 Awards Assembly at Classen High School was like no other in the school's history, for this was the last "Oscar" presentation.

In 1925, prominent Oklahoma Cityan Anton H. Classen, established an award for highest honors to be presented at the school (then a junior high school) that bore his name. The school became a high school, Mr. Classen died, but the awards continued.

The Anton H. and Ella D. Classen Awards are still presented the first Friday in May to three senior boys and three senior girls who are selected by the faculty as the overall top graduates of that year.

From this group are selected two for the Anton H. Classen Medal of Honor, "to be presented to that boy and that girl of Classen High School who shall be chosen by rules promulgated by the school as giving the greatest promise of a worthy contribution to the progress of the world by reason of strength of character, record of scholarship, qualities of leadership and all-around achievements."

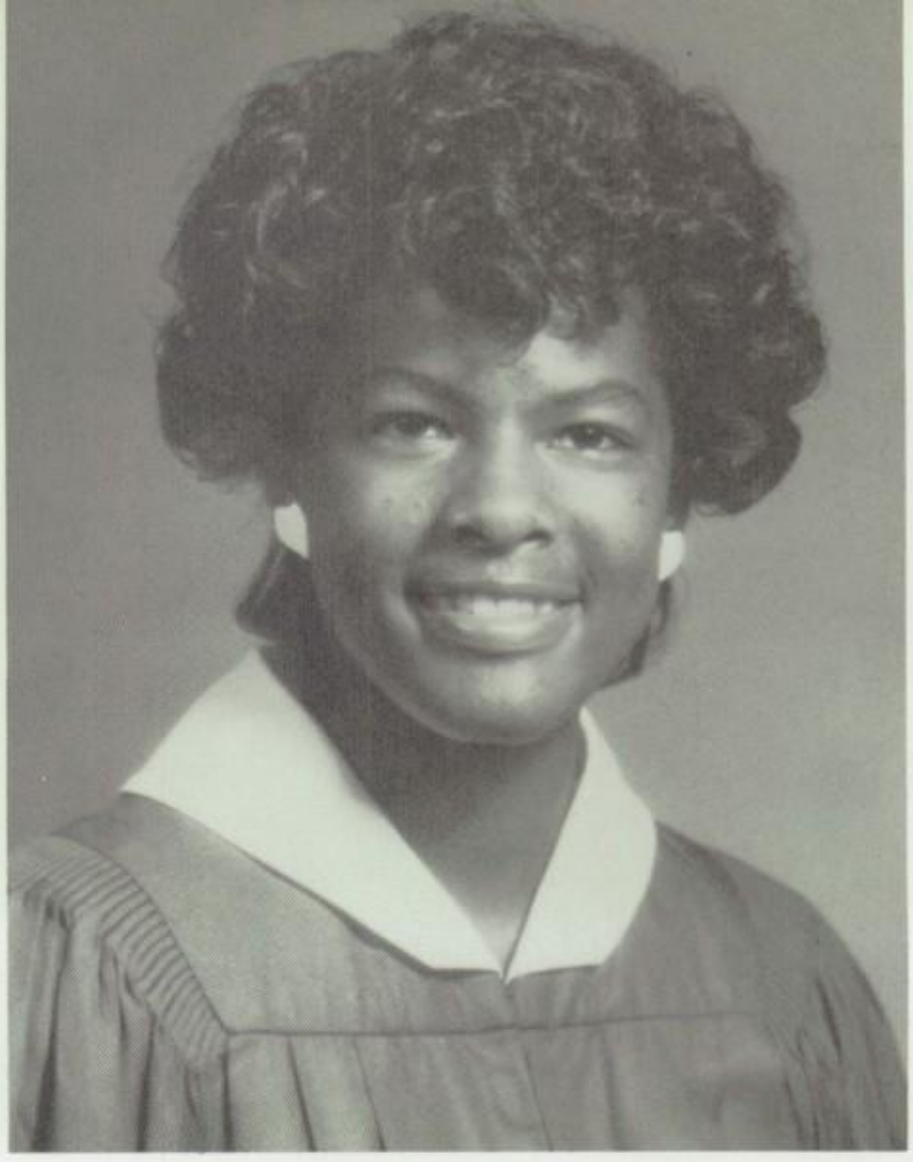
The family of Mr. and Mrs. Classen have continued the awards with recipients becoming members of an alumni association, the only known high school group of award winner who have such an organization.

The Classen Awards and Medal of Honor will still be presented the first Friday in May, for when North west Classen opened, the committee decided to share honors wit NWC.

But, never again will "The Origina Classen" host the prestigious gath ering, founded in the name of it benefactor.

So, let us put the names of th award winners "Up in Lights" for a to see and honor them.

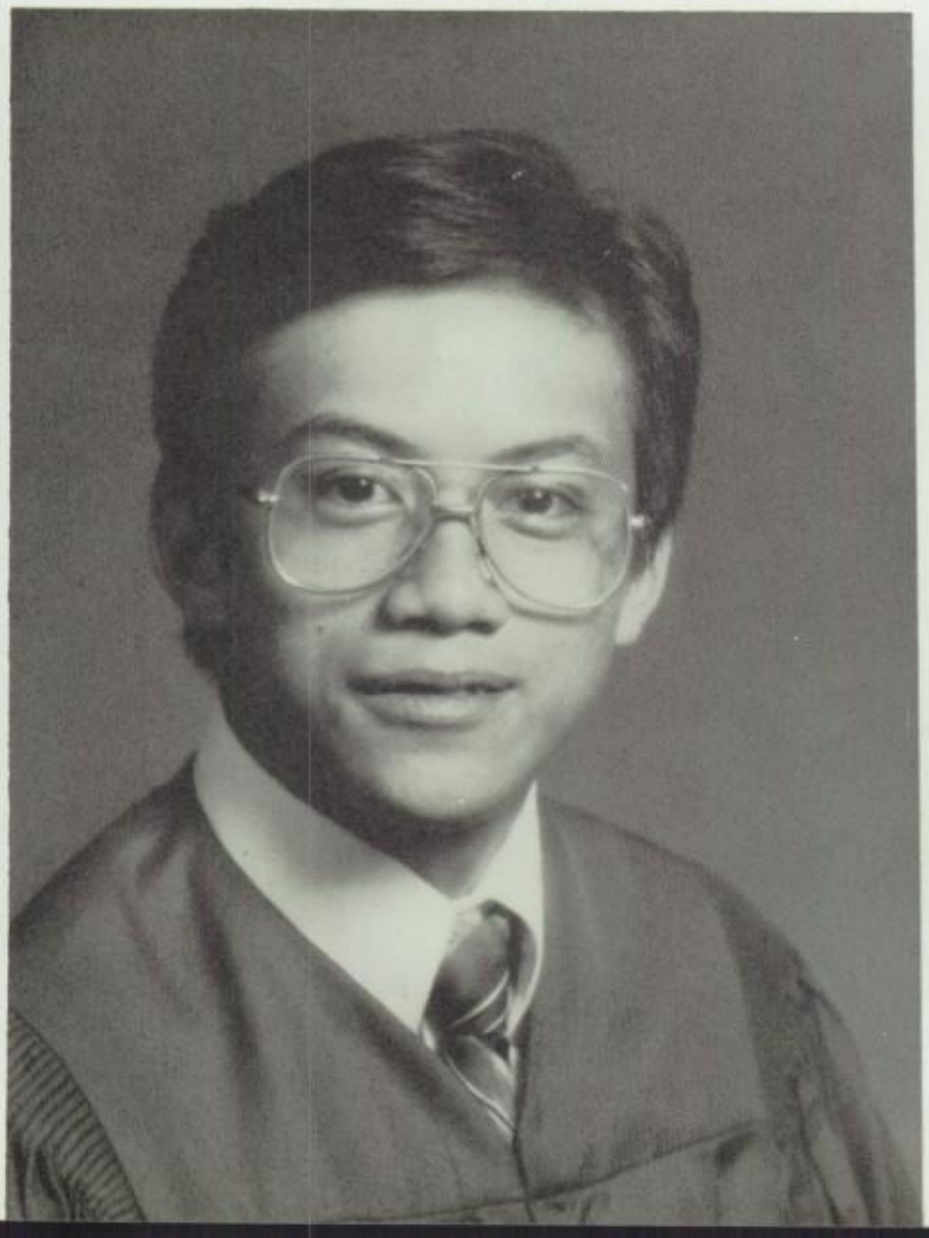
Veronica Blakely



Cozetta Case

Ella D. and Anton H. Classen Awards

Ngoc Pham



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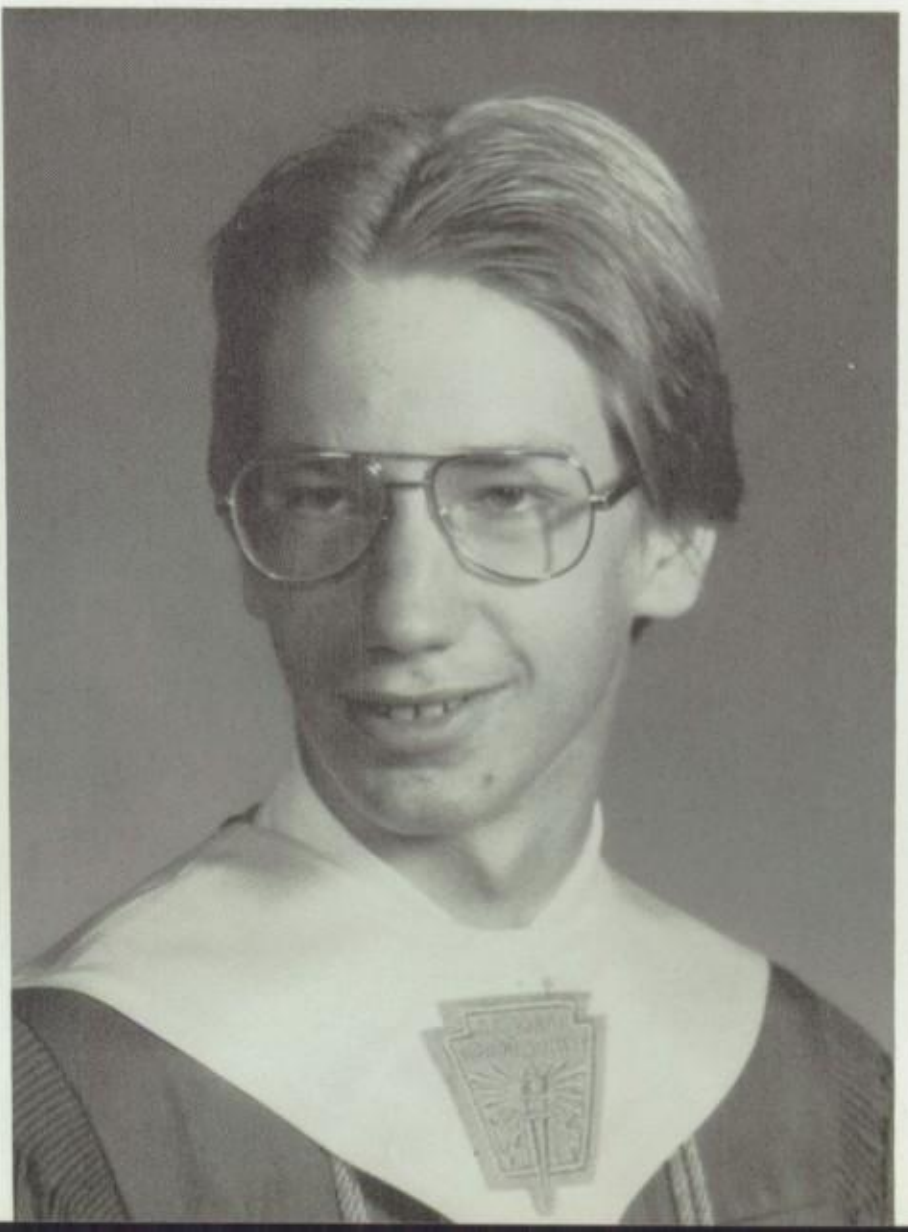

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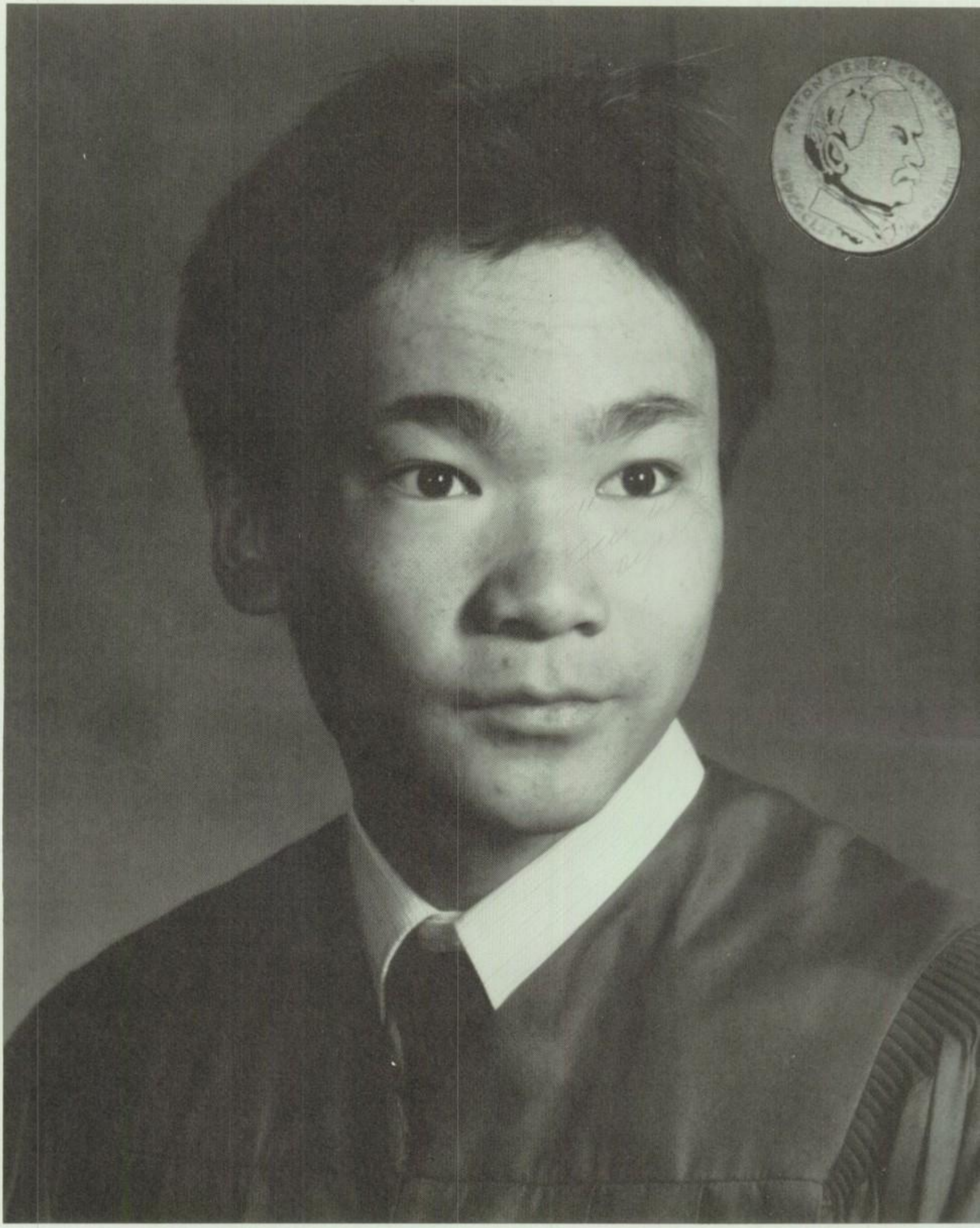
Classen Medals



# of Honor, 1985

ELVA MESTANZA

Mrs. Stephens a 'real jewel'

There's an old saying around schools and their inhabitants that goes: "Principals come and principals go, but a good secretary is hard to find!"

That is certainly true of our principal's secretary, Mrs. Rachelle Stephens, who has been at Classen since 1961 (she was also here from 1948-51).

Mrs. Stephens has survived eight principals and thousands of students. She has seen Classen a six-year high school, grades 7-12, but, "If we had trouble with 7th graders, imagine what it could be like with 5th graders."

Mrs. Stephens also operates an antique business, which she used to good advantage at Christmas. She found beautiful old decanters in blue and gold and gave them to each of the administrators.

One thing that has saved her has been her ability to find something funny in everything. "The funniest thing that ever happened," remembered Mrs. Stephens, "was the time a teacher came to school partially undresse She had forgotten to put h skirt on."

"I'll miss everything abo Classen," added our sup secretary, Mrs. Rachelle St phens.

Principal Mrs. Joyce Hend son, who will be going Northeast next year, said, wish I could take her with m but I do want to be the one thank her for her loyalty a all her hard work. She's a re jewel!"

It looks like it would be more simple if Mrs. Rachelle Stephens and Mrs. Joyce Henderson would just talk to each other, face to face

In Memory

CHARISE SMITH
February 18, 1968 - January 6, 1985

Lamplight

Not even cats have nine lives,
you know,
But, the abrupt and brutal closing of one
So open to all that life means
Gouges a wound that doesn't want to heal.

Immediate mourning is for the living.
There was so much I didn't tell her,
And, though I only miss her on school days
or when I drive past that corner,
Trying to overprotect those who are left
Is no real substitute.

She knew about cherry pits, "The Pits,"
About the approaching storm,
About surviving intellectually in a desert.

Yet it did no good
When foot to pedal to metal to metal
Cut off the source of light.

There will come a time when
Memories will evoke smiles instead of
tears.

Time, Please hurry.

Marian Hulsey

TAKE FOUR:

SPORTS

After an excellent reception of Bart Enge pass, Don Luper gains a first down in the Jo Marshall game, which the Bears won 47-7

Spirit survives foes

Scoreboard doesn't tell whole story

Football season came and went without making a change on the Classen side of the scoreboard, but not without its moments to remember.

In the previews the Comets accomplished the thought-to-be-impossible feat of beating Capitol Hill.

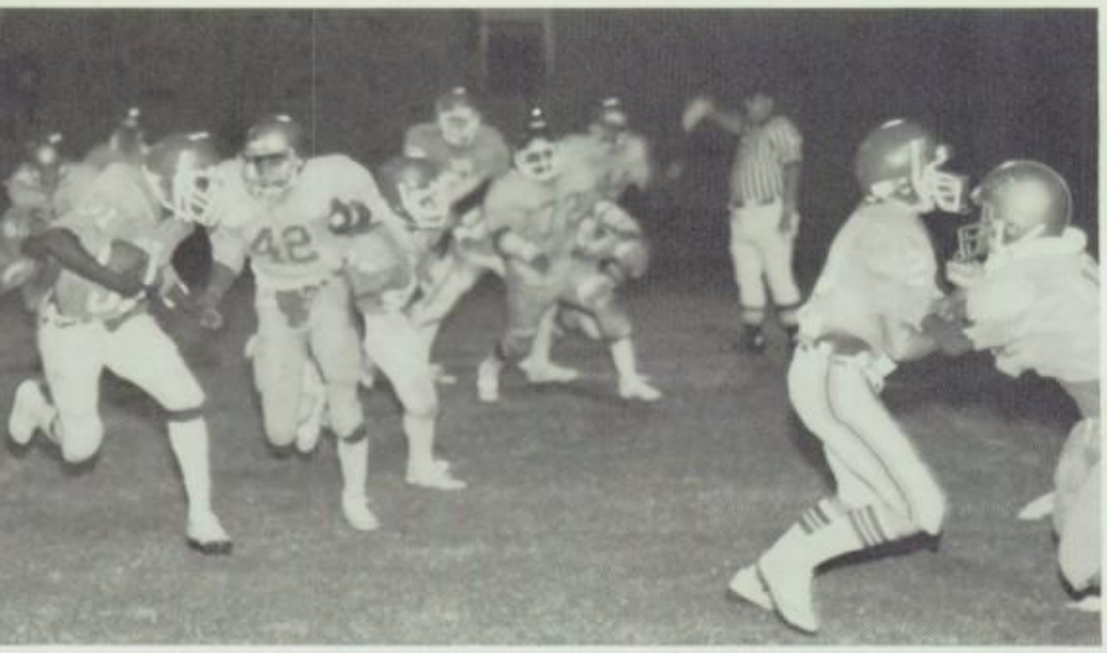
By the time the Board's stricter eligibility rules made their mark on the team, there were only 19 players left. This group played both offense and defense against teams that were headed for state play-offs.

Led by quarterbacks Harold Thompson, Bart Enge and Tony Shockley, the Comets sorely missed receiver Chris Tucker's contribution after he was injured mid-season. Chris caught five passes for 95 yards before being sidelined.

"New coaches and a young, inexperienced ball club made this a building year," summed up team manager Dorris Moore. "Wherever our players go next year, they will be able to make positive contributions to their teams."

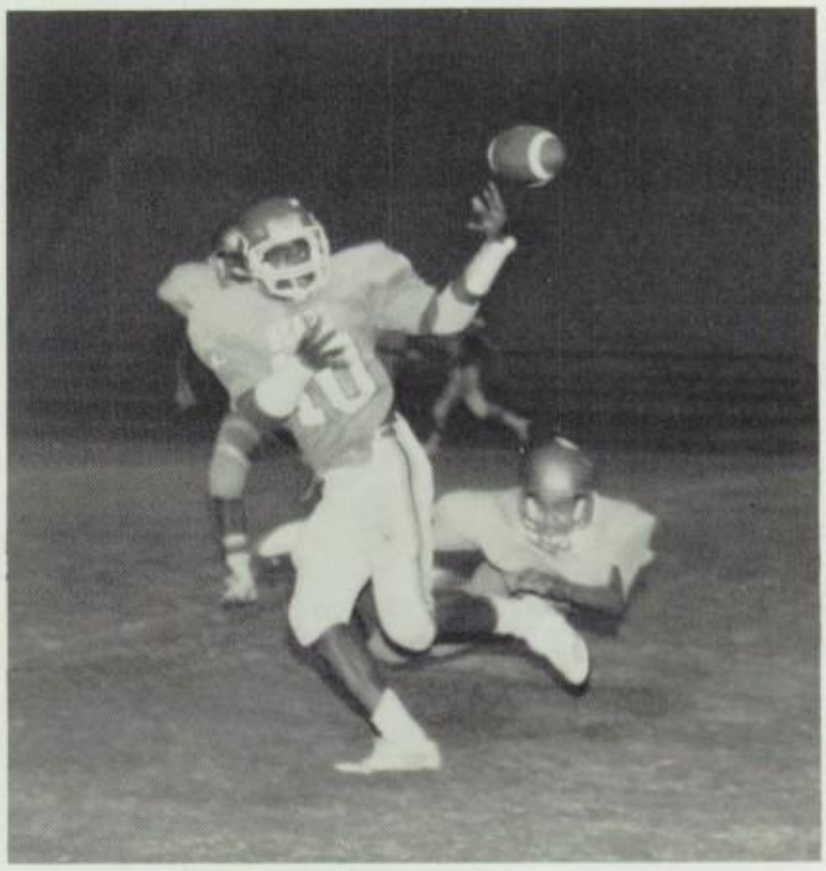
Scoreboard

CLASSEN		OPPONENT
6	Douglass	60
0	Star Spencer	48
0	Capitol Hill	55
7	St. Mary's	20
0	Northeast	68
7	John Marshall	47
0	Carnegie	40
13	Southeast	39
0	Carl Albert	70
0	Ardmore	48



Linebacker Maurice White moves in to stop a Bear runner short of the first down for John Marshall.

A Carl Albert lineman races Comet quarterback Harold Thompson's protection as Thompson tries to find an open receiver.



Tony Shockley grabs the John Marshall receiver by the heels to stop one of the Bears' marches to a 47-7 victory.

Front row: Chris Tucker, Maurice White, Victor Valle, Steve Runnels, Jesse Campbell, Damon Brown, Ramon Landeros. *Row two:* Carlos Moore, Tony Shockley, Tim Jones, Marc Shockley, Maurice Richard, Jimmy Judge. *Row three:* Robert Wallace, Bart Enge, Harold Thompson, Mark Guyton, Rod Smith, Reggie Mayberry. *Row four:* Rudy Starr, Larry Knowles, Mike Grigsby, DaJuan Parker, Haywood Reed. *Back row:* Coach Gary Crane, Coach Leon Clark.

It is obvious why the seniors won the hall decoration with this beautiful transformation of first floor A hall.

The last time around

Hard work, dedication and hours of preparation created a homecoming celebration that scored an A on the spirit scale.

The theme, "There's No Stopping Us," was highlighted throughout the week's activities, from door decorations to the parade to the crowning of the All-Sports Queen.

Every day was dress up day, with students and faculty competing. Winners were: Dress-up, Meredith Taylor, Charlene Moore and Thurman Harris; Western, Sherri Butler and Bryon Quintero; 50s Day, Latisha Brown; Blue and Gold, Debbie Faulkender and Victor Valle.

Homerooms competed by decorating their doors and the prize (again) went to Mr. Knowles' room.

The senior class won the hall decorations, the sophomores had the prize-winning float in the parade and the juniors, the car.

But the culmination of the week's activities and suspense was at halftime Friday night, November 2, when Tonya Parker was crowned All-Sports Queen.

Her princesses and the sports over which they will reign this year are: Becky Barten, cross country, softball and football; Cozetta Case, basketball and wrestling; Lisa Krell, swimming and track; and Candice Lovell, baseball and tennis.

The excitement of the week, the meaning of the theme and all the hard work seemed to pale, just two weeks later when the Board of Education announced its plans either to transform Classen into a Fifth Year Center or close it after this school year.

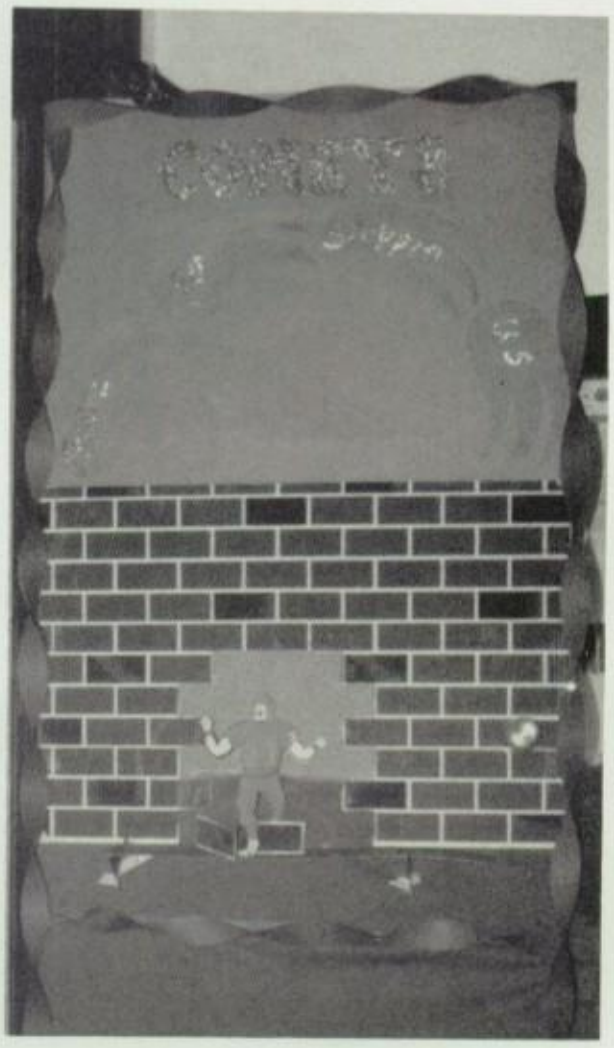
But the part of Classen that "there's no stopping" is the Comanche Spirit, which will live on long after the building has turned to dust.

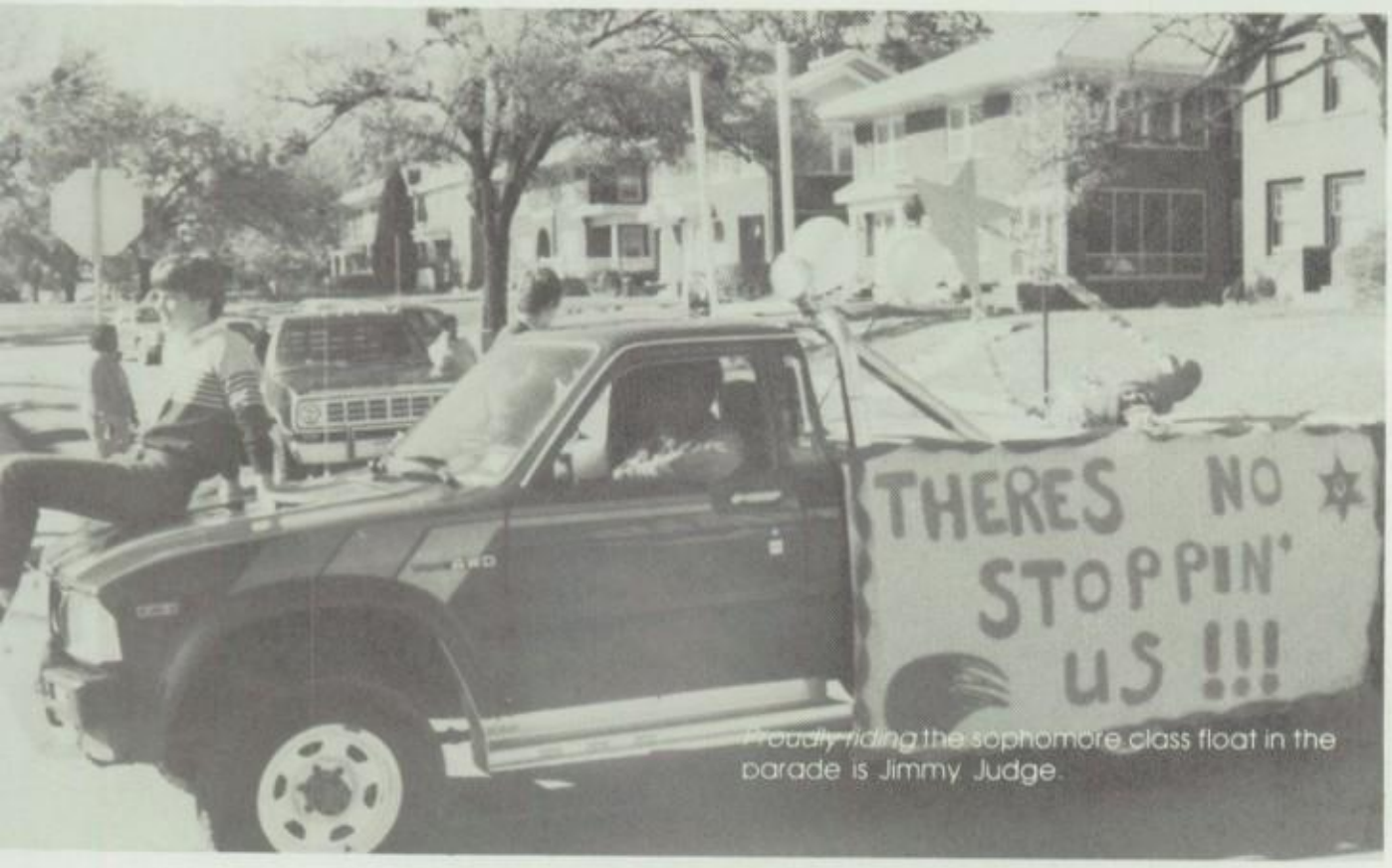
Candidates for the Homecoming Queen Lisa Krell, Cozetta Case, Becky Barten, Candice Lovell and Tonya Parker are ready for the parade.

Painting a banner for the senior hall is Cozetta Case.

A radiant Tonya Parker rides around the field after being crowned All-Sports Queen.

The homeroom of Mr. Phil Knowles is the winner of the door decorating contest.





Proudly riding the sophomore class float in the parade is Jimmy Judge.

Arriving just in time, junior Lelia Case is safe at home for another point in the John Marshall game.

Lady Comets shine on

Highlighting the varsity softball team's record of 4-9 were significant wins over Northwest Classen and John Marshall.

Seniors Summer Bighorse, Cozetta Case, Debbie Faulkender and Saundra Smith led the Lady Comets.

"Despite the immaturity of this season's team," commented Coach Ginger Wood, "the girls were very eager to improve and to compete."

Junior Lori Martin pitched the entire season. Homeruns were hit by seniors Summer Bighorse and Cozetta Case, juniors Camille Dixon, Michelle House and Cynthia Mitchell, and freshman Becky Martin.

"All the girls gave 100%," commended Coach Wood. "I am very proud of them, despite their only winning three games."

The JV's successful year should carry over to help make next year's team one to be reckoned with.

Scoreboard

CLASSEN	OPPONENT		CLASSEN	OPPONENT	
6	Northeast	18	5	Capitol Hill	25
24	John Marshall	0	7	U.S. Grant	15
10	Southeast	23	21	Star Spencer	5
18	Northwest	12	19	Millwood	7
12	Douglass	20	3	McGuinness	5

Saundra Smith makes sure she has a foot on the base before catching the double play in the Northwest game.

"Not so hard!" says senior Cozetta Case, as she struggles to regain her balance. The Lady Comets lost 3-5 to McGuinness.

Determined to score, pitcher Lori Martin assumes batting position in the Marshall game.

"Where's the ball?" senior Saundra Smith wonders, in the McGuinness game.

An outstanding outfielder, Summer Bighorse crouches in readiness for the expected grounder hit by a Northwest player.

1984 SOFTBALL TEAM. Front row: Anna Willis, Gwen Davis, Karmen Lyon, Cozetta Case, Leilani Greenway, Renee Halley. *Back row:* Becky Martin, Camille Dixon, Melody Goode, Lori Martin, Cynthia Mitchell, Summer Bighorse, Lelia Case, Coach Phil Knowles, Debbie Faulkender, Dawn Johnson, Coach Ginger Wood.

It's "Ready-Set-Go!" for the men's cross country team in its efforts at All-City.

Women run to fame

Making it to State and having an All-Stater culminated the women's contingent of Comet cross country.

On a cold, windy November day, Demetra Castille won her All-State letter, placing sixth in Class 4-A with a time of 13:43.

"Making it to State was very thrilling," remembered Stephanie Vincent, "but that course at Oral Roberts was tough."

The practice before State was "very grueling," groaned freshman Mary Taylor. "There was no such thing as running one day and not running the next, or you'd lose what you just gained in speed."

The girls' team placed sixth at Regionals, and Demetra won fifth place at All-City in October.

Also at All-City, Eugene McGee placed 15th in the men's competition, promising to be leading the Comet runners next season, regardless of which OKC high school these talented students are running for.

Front row: Wendy Curzio, Stephanie Vincent. *Row two:* Mae Sutherland, Mary Swanda, Demetra Castille, Tracy Taylor, Jennifer Kidwell, Mary Taylor, Kim McCoy. *Back row:* Claudie Gregory, Eugene McGee, Henry Gregory, David Jones, Coach Frank Tefertiller.

Sophomore Stephanie Vincent's seriousne about running brought her 28th place out 60 competitors at the Comet Invitational.

Wendy Curzio passes her nearest competito in the Comet Invitational.

The nice fall day at OU's Duck Pond makes the rest periods at the Norman Invitational a good time to socialize for Comet runners.

Scoreboard

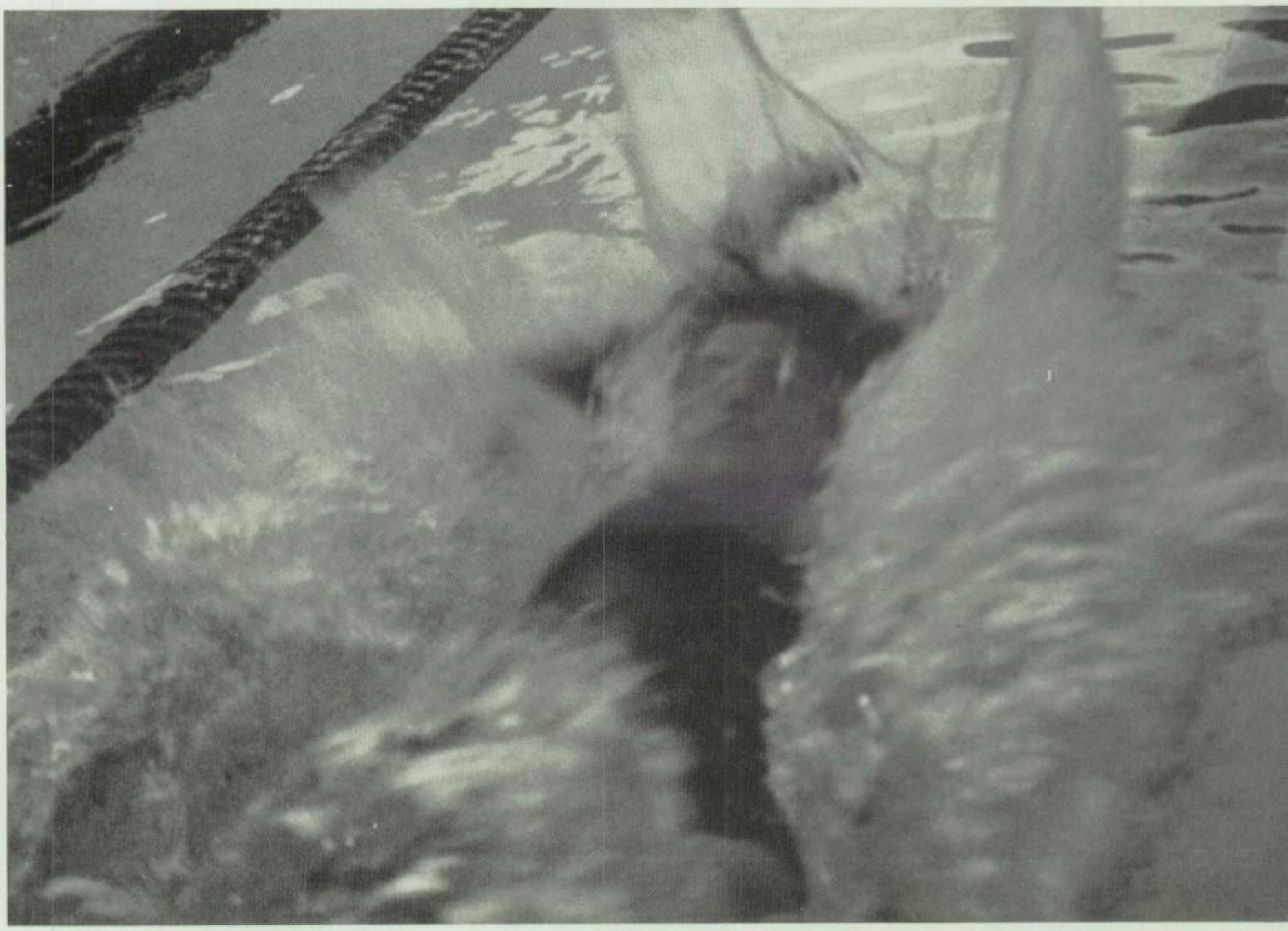
MEET	TEAM	PLACE
Comet Invit.	Girls	7th
PC West Invit.	Girls	5th
	Boys	6th
Norman Invit.	Girls	5th
All-City	Girls	4th
	Boys	6th
Metro	Girls	4th
	Boys	8th
Regionals	Girls	6th

Demetria Castille turns it on to come in fifth at the All-City meet in October.

Sunlight filtered by the Duck Pond's leaves emit an eerie effect on Eugene McGee as he nears the finish in the Norman Invitational.

Time between events is best spent by rest
ing, according to Rosie Bailey, as sh
catches a quick nap at All-City.

The last few seconds before pushing off for her 100-yard backstroke are spent by Rosie Bailey in concentration on the upcoming race.



Parting the water like a torpedo, back stro
er Rosie Bailey is on her way to a 4th plac
win at All-City.

Senior Lisa Krell doesn't waste any time turning after her third lap in the 100-yd. freestyle.

Drawing an all important breath without breaking her rhythm, Stephanie Vincent comes in 5th at All-City.

Swimmers really make waves

Swimmers, on your blocks.
Swimmers, set.
Bang!

That's was the sound of the final event at the All-City swim meet, where Classen's all-girl swim team swam to second place against the highly rated John Marshall, Northeast, Northwest and Douglass teams.

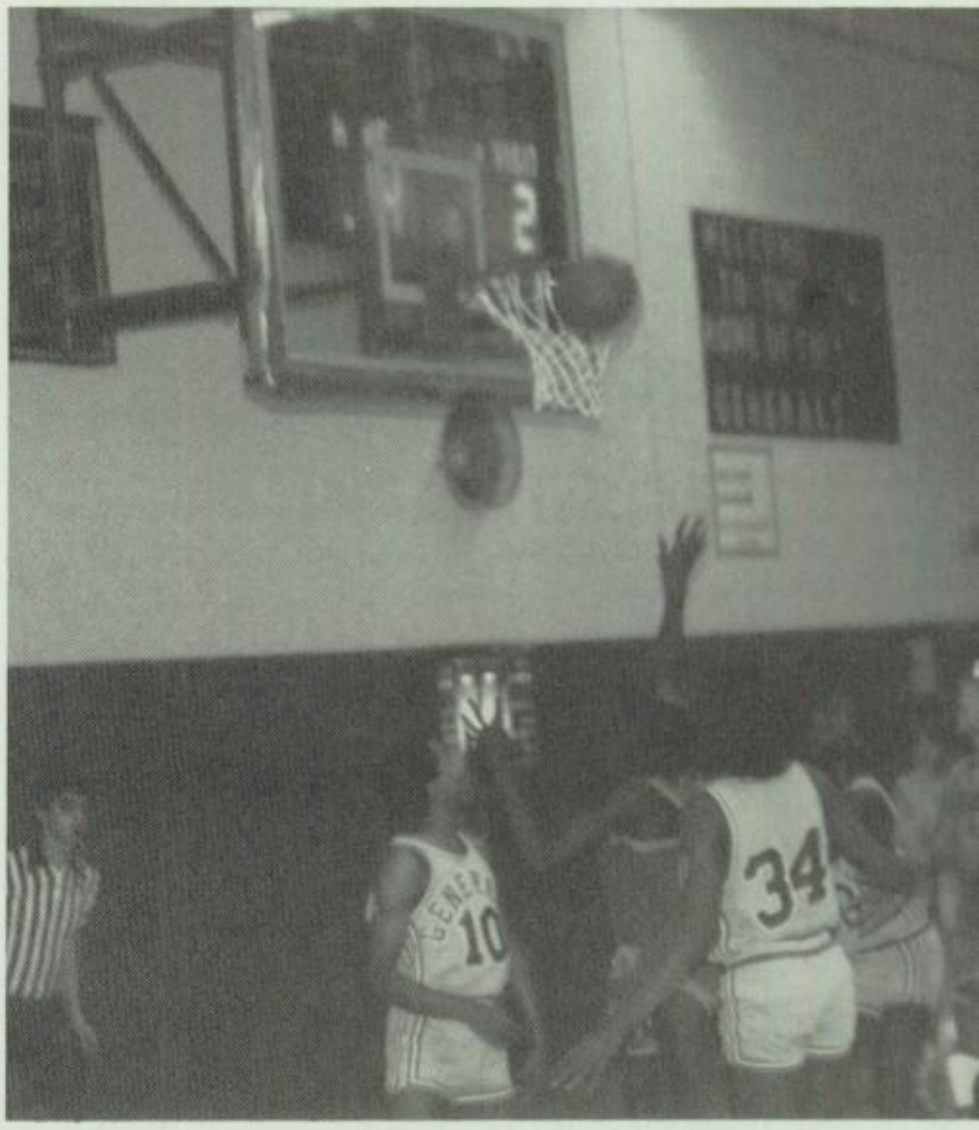
"It was sheer determination to have a good season," according to Coach Frank Tefertiller. "They wanted this last season for Classen to be a good one. The girls worked faithfully in those every day laps, and I think it showed."

Qualifying for finals at All-City were Mary Taylor, 100-yd. freestyle and 200-yd. medley relay, Stephanie Vincent, 100-yd. breaststroke and 200-yd. medley relay, Rosie Bailey, 100-yd. backstroke and 200-yd. medley relay, Lori and Becky Martin, 400-yd. freestyle relay.

"We swam for Classen, for ourselves, but also for Coach T," all six members of the team said in unison, at the close of their season.

Medley team member Mary Taylor dives in the minute Lori Martin touches the end of the pool at a meet with Northwest and Northeast.

COMET SWIMMERS. *Front row:* Coach Frank Tefertiller, Lisa Krell, Stephanie Vincent, Rosie Bailey. *Back row:* Becky Martin, Lori Martin, Mary Taylor.



And it's another two for the Comets, as Greg Sutton makes his score, with Hector Guzman and Alonzo Bailey standing by in the game against the Grant Generals.

A disappointing finale

Frosh, Jrs. rule court

Classen's Roundballers did not have the season they had anticipated and wished for, but depite the major upsets, the team continued to utilize all available talent right up until the final whistle.

The leading scorer was the Magic Johnson of CHS, Harold Thompson, with a season score of 140 points, followed by hard-dunking Greg Sutton's 130.

The bright spot for future teams, if Classen were going to have any, was freshman Tim Jones, with his Tisdale style of playing. Tim racked up over 100 points, averaging 10 points, rebounds and two blocked shots a game. Tim hopes to play pro basketball.

Junior Bart Enge was a very valuable team member, as was Alonzo Bailey.

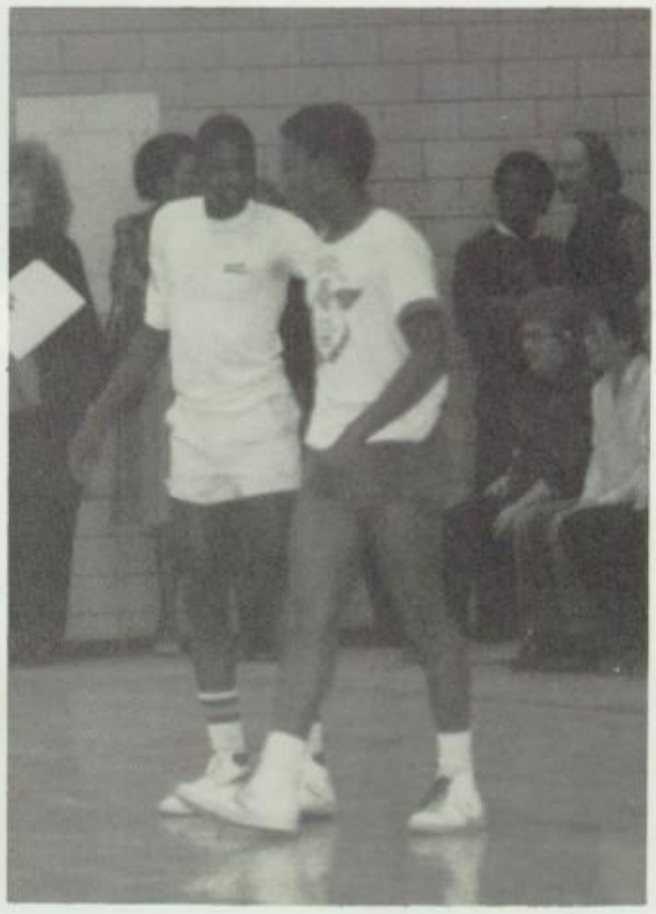
There were no seniors on the team and this hurt, as many of the players lacked experience of game pressure.

An important win over Lindsay, 55-36, was joined by wins over Millwood, Alex, John Marshall and Northeast, but the "sheer lack of numbers, of substitutes on the bench, hurt us," according to Coach Tommy Griffin.

Mastering the dunk shot were Harold Thompson, Greg Sutton and Tim Jones, who displayed the reverse jam for the last pep assembly.

Freshman Tim Jones again proves his value as his basket eludes Grant's guard and racks up another two points for the Comets.

As part of the pep assembly held at Northwest to introduce Classen students to NWC, Greg Sutton and Harold Thommpson go out and shoot a few baskets with the Knights.



Seeming to be caught in midair, Harold Thompson shoots before his Grant guard can get past Alonzo Bailey.

A free throw shot puts an easy point on the board for Greg Sutton, but Anton Williams and Alonzo Bailey stand by to rebound.

CLASSEN'S LAST COMETTES. *Front row:* Nicole Higgs, Iliana Guzman, Kim Lavielle, Levet Curnett. *Row two:* Angie Neal, Shonda Mos ley, Latricia Curnett, Cozetta Case, Robi Howard. *Row three:* Marco Smith, Camill Dixon, Tonya Richmond, Melody Goode, Kell Minor. *Back row:* Assistant coach Ph Knowles, Coach Leon Clark.

Forward Camille Dixon concentrates on the free throw, hoping to add two more points to the Comettes' score in the John Marshall game.

Top season scorer Shonda Mosley drives to the basket in the junior varsity game against the John Marshall Bears.

Driving to the half-court line so she can pass to a Comette forward, guard Tonya Richmond makes it past her John Marshall opponent.

The Last Comettes

Young team gains experience

The Comettes, women's basketball team at CHS, started preseason workouts with such high hopes, with a new coach, Leon Clark from Harding, new assistants, Mrs. Ginger Wood and Mr. Phil Knowles, and a gym full of young women signing up for what was to be Classen's last year to compete in high school athletics.

Marco Smith and Angie Neal were the only seniors to finish the season, but the sheer lack of numbers couldn't make up for the spirit of the Lady Roundballers who stuck it out to the final gun.

Cozetta Case was sidelined in November by surgery and "that hurt our offensive game," commented Coach Clark.

Ineligibility also took out a number of strong players, but that was the case with all Classen's sports programs after the Board's new eligibility policy went into effect.

"The younger players did gain lots of valuable game experience," added Coach Clark, "which will make them real assets to the teams wherever they go to school next year."

Listening intently to their coach's instructions before an important game are Shonda Mosely and Leveta Curnett.

"Now, Jesse, here's how you do it!" explains assistant track coach Willie Case to senior Jesse Campbell, as the season begins.

Getting the feel of handing off the baton in a relay race are Kathleen Scott, Tracy Taylor and Stephanie Vincent.

The good old Oklahoma weather finally c
operated with a nice day for workouts
senior Angie Neal.

VARSITY BOYS' TRACK. *Front row:* Rod Smith, Chris Tucker, Eugene McGee, Don Luper, Roshawn Richmond. *Back row:* Coach Frank Tefertiller, Jesse Campbell, Steve Kalman, LaShawn White, Mike Wilson, Asst. Coach Willie Case.

On their marks and ready to go in their first workout are Rod Smith and Steve Kalman, gearing up for the 100-yd. dash.

Long jumper Roshawn Richmond flies through the air, stretching for those extra few inches that are so important.

Last laps for Comets

As far as any of the track sports are concerned, the last two seasons have been dominated by the women's teams.

Marco Smith won at Bethany and Western Heights last spring, qualifying for regionals in the 220 and the 100-yd. dashes.

Tracy Taylor qualified in the 440.

The Lady Comets' relay team took some inexperienced runners to some impressive times, with Kathleen Scott, Charlene Moore, Karen Kirkpatrick and Stephanie Vincent handing off the baton smoothly in the 1 & 2 milers.

"Lelia Case has the potential to become a good shot putter," summed up assistant coach Darlene Reber, "if she will just get very serious about the sport."

The men's contingent did not have as successful an '84 running year, but had high hopes for '85, with more personnel than had gone out in a number of years.

Two shot putters, Jesse Campbell and Reggie Mayberry showed great potential for putting Classen's name on the city score books in its last year.

Long jumper Roshawn Richmond wished for more pretty spring days, as it is very hard to practice that event in the gym. "It's really bad, practicing in the cold and rain," commented Roshawn.

The men's relay team pushed off the blocks with more strength than ever to become serious contenders for medals at All-City.

All track participants said they were inspired to try harder after viewing last summer's Olympics, especially the feats of super athlete Carl Lewis.

FRESHMEN TRACK. *Front row:* Derrick McCain, Bervis Littles, Mike Pitre, Maurice Richard. *Back row:* Shawn Nealy, Reggie Mayberry, Scott Ingle, Coach Willie Case.

LADY COMETS TRACK. *Front row:* Charlene Moore, Tracy Taylor, Marco Smith, Stephanie Vincent, Kathleen Scott. *Back row:* Dawn Johnson, Stacy Mosley, Angie Neal, Mae Sutherland, Charise Smith, Wendy Williams, Karen Kirkpatrick.

Elva Mestanza has to work in her spring practice time around her work and school schedules, but she's out there, working on her forehand.

Tennis is our raquet

Tennis, anyone?

The sport of celebrities and people of all ages, tennis particularly attracted those athletes who go for the more individual, rather than team-oriented sports.

"I took up tennis for fun and exercise," explained senior Cozetta Case, who qualified for State last spring with a 4th place at Regionals, "and then I really learned to love the game."

Elva Mestanza loves to play doubles, placing 3rd at Douglass last spring and teaming up with Cozetta this season.

Returning to the court after a three-year absence, Veronica Blakely prefers singles.

The men's team placed 6th in both the Northeast and Douglass Tourneys, and 2nd in the Conference Tournament last spring.

Sombath Seodara, #1 singles, was second in Conference, with a record of 14-6. Number 2 singles, Say Vannarath, was 4th in Conference.

Men's doubles teams Thom and Kim Vannarath, 14-6, were 2nd in Conference and #2 doubles, An Nguyen and John Liljestrand, 17-3, were 1st in Conference.

The men's team placed 5th in Regionals at Okmulgee.

Although An Nguyen will have to pair up w another doubles partner, he starts practi early to be ready for the season.

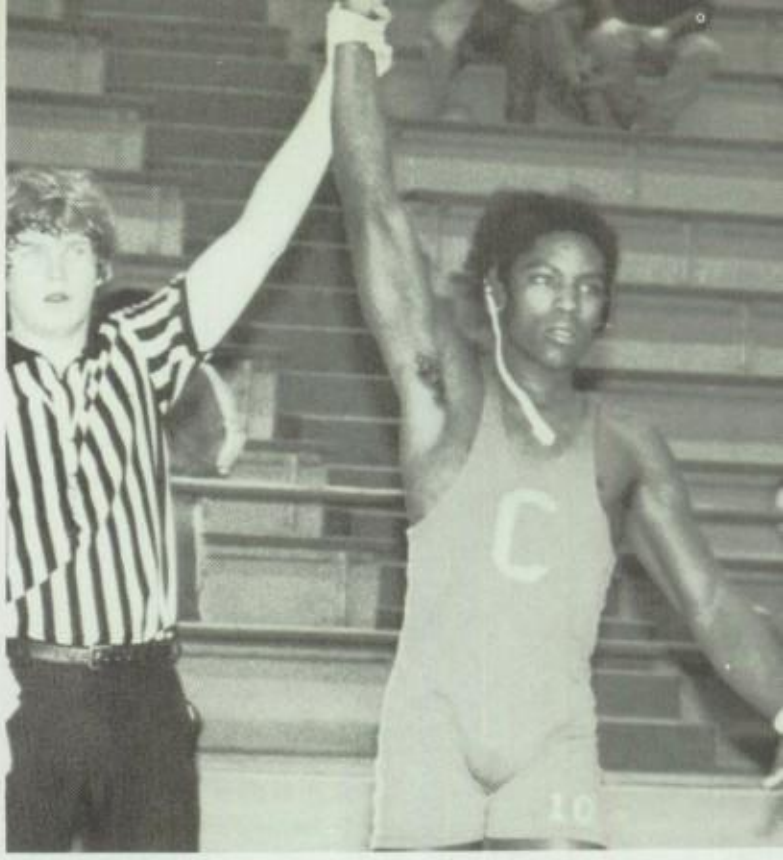
WOMEN'S TENNIS. Pechmony Uong, Men Thi Hoang, Veronica Blakely, Elva Mestanza.

MEN'S TENNIS. An Nguyen, Jimmy Judge, Dung Pham, Sombath Seodora, Thongvanh Vongsurith, Hoang Vu.

A good thing about being a coach, according to Mr. Don Fleet, is that you can wear your coat to those early spring practices that are so cold. Jimmy Judge braves the chill to help put up the net for the first time.

Jimmy Judge's backhand is so fast it isn't even recorded on film, but he really does have a racket in his hand.

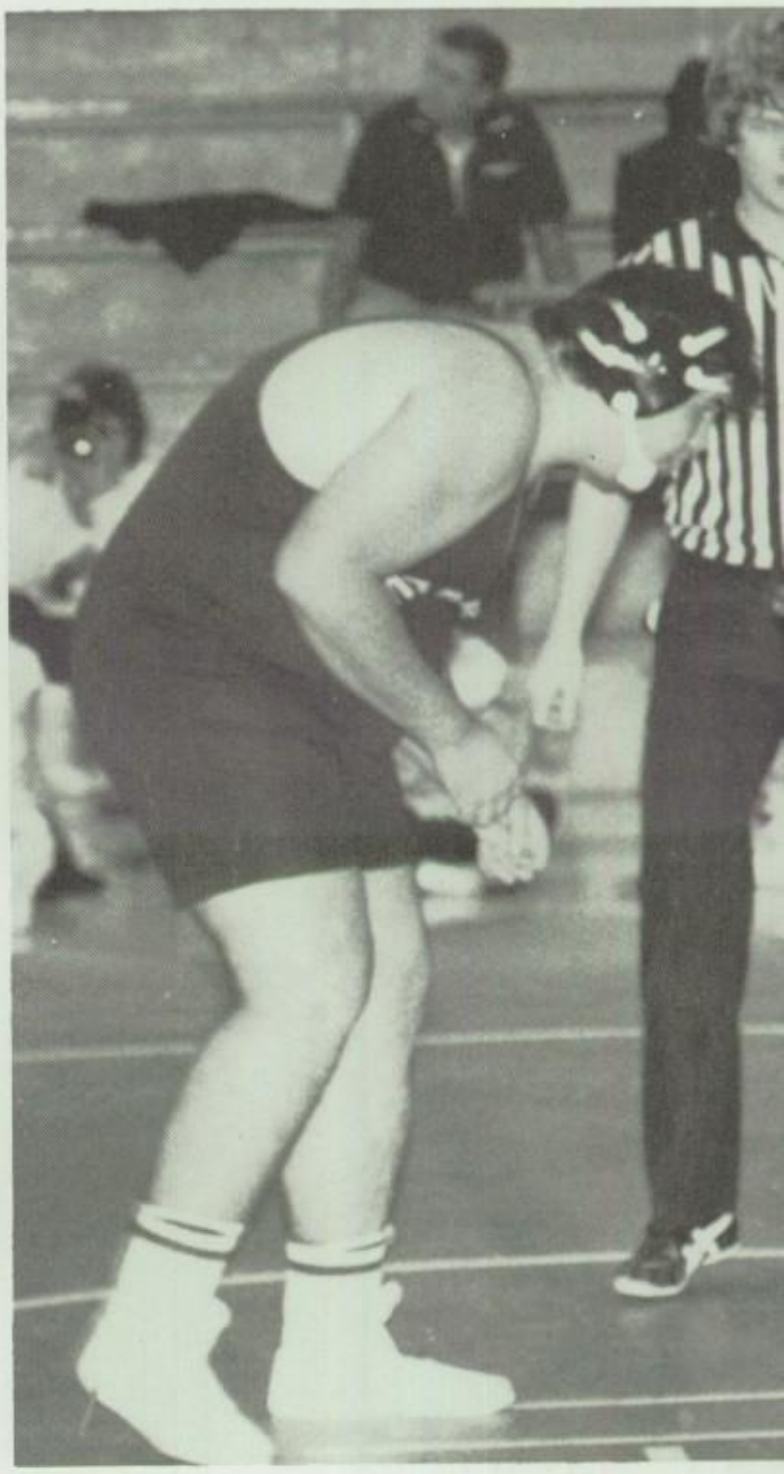
Practicing her serve, Cozetta Case is reminded of how long it has been since she played tennis and of her inactivity since surgery in the fall.



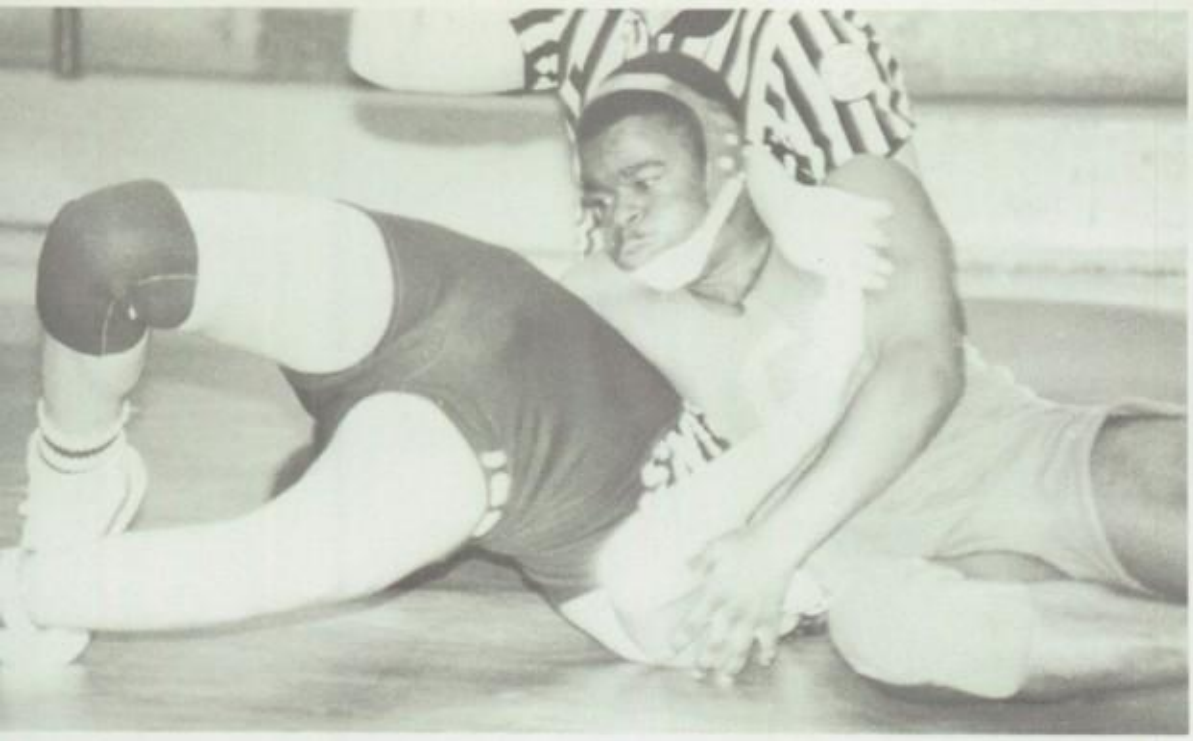
Bruce Robinson is victorious in the heavyweight match against Capitol Hill, pinning his man in 23 seconds.

Senior Victor Valle keeps a tight headlock on his Capitol Hill opponent in the 136 lb. weight class, leading to a pin.

Wrestling



WRESTLING. *Front row:* Billy Perry, Robert Wallace, Tony Clark, Tim Clark, Johnny Barrientos, Jimmy Judge. *Back row:* Coach Don Fleet, Jesse Campbell, Victor Valle, Bryan Mock, Floyd McCracken, Eugene McGee, Ramon Landeros, Bruce Robinson, Coach Gary Crane.



Senior Jesse Campbell works the double chicken wing on his opponent during the Star Spencer match.

Junior Billy Perry does a good job of keeping his Capitol Hill opponent under control and pins his man in the 168 lb. weight class.

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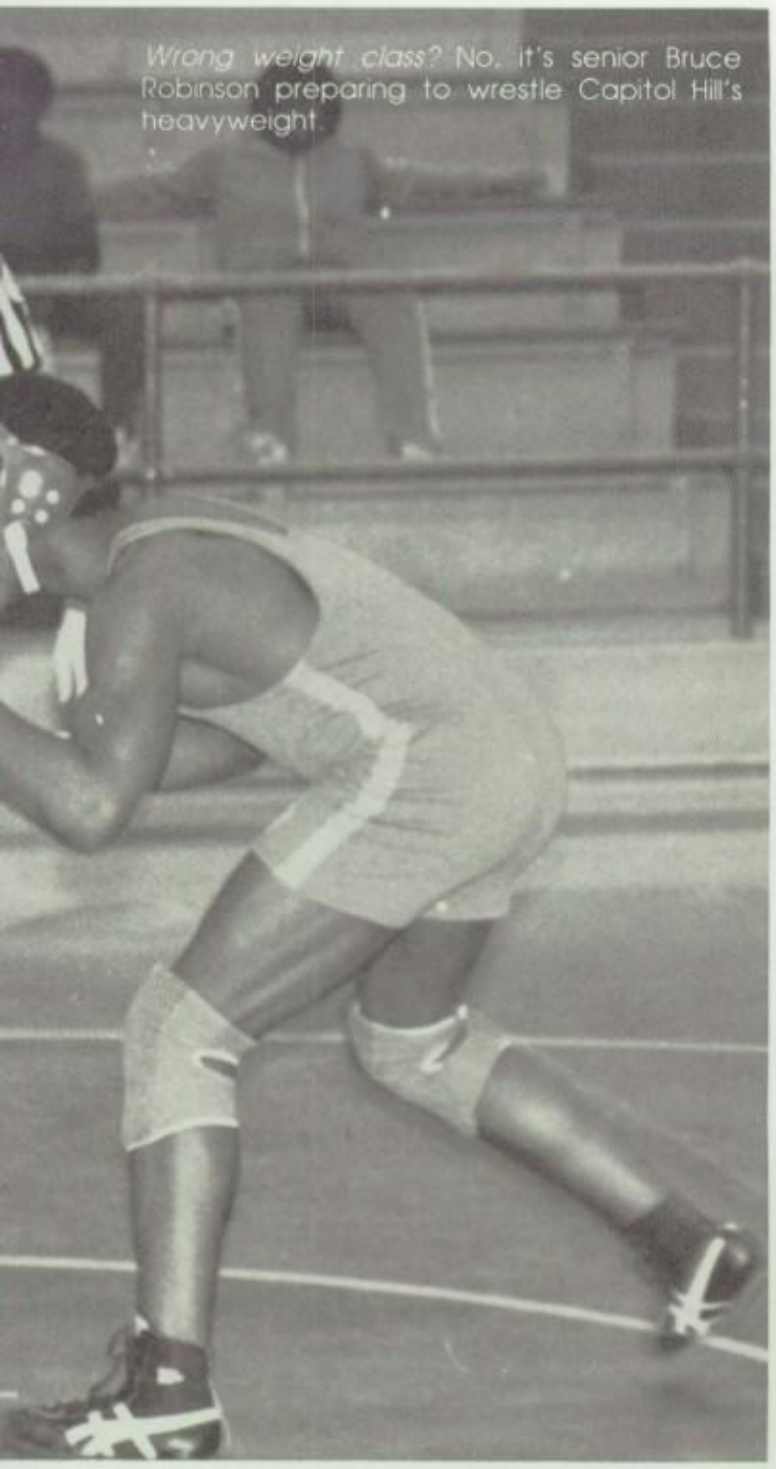


Wrong weight class? No, it's senior Bruce Robinson preparing to wrestle Capitol Hill's heavyweight.

The expression "Dynamite comes in small packages" is an appropriate one to use when describing Classen's wrestling team members.

One of the most sportsmanship of athletic events because of the individual's being matched so evenly in weight, although not necessarily in strength, wrestling continued to be a popular sport at Classen.

Although not enough people went out to fill all the weight slots, those who did found themselves making weight to face formidable opponents in their matches.

Edging a 35-34 victory over Capitol Hill was the high point of the season. Starting out with all the lower classes being defeated, the tide began turning with Robert Wallace at 108 and continued through the heavyweight, where Bruce Robinson (192) pinned Jose Cortez (340).

Keeping the cradle on his Northeast opponent demands hard work from senior Ramon Landeros, but his determination gives him that extra push to hold on.

Baseball means springtime

Joe Piscapo tells us, "Baseball has been good to me," and that is equally true for seniors Bryan Quintero and James Williams.

Winter's lingering in February brought comments from them such as, "Maybe tomorrow it will be nice enough to practice."

The other senior, Ramon Landeros, was anxious, too, but he had to finish wrestling season first.

"Although we were 14-12 last season," Coach Gary Crane said, "our defeating Choctaw 9-3 and sweeping that double-header with John Marshall were truly great moments."

Choctaw was in the top five, among conference teams.

The most spectacular play of last season occurred in the Choctaw game, when center fielder Ramon Landeros caught an unlikely hit right up against the fence. "The runners on 1st and 2nd had already rounded the next bases, when Ramon caught the ball, threw it to second and got that runner out, too," remembered Coach Crane.

Southpaw James Williams comes out of his windup to deliver a fast ball, in spring practice.

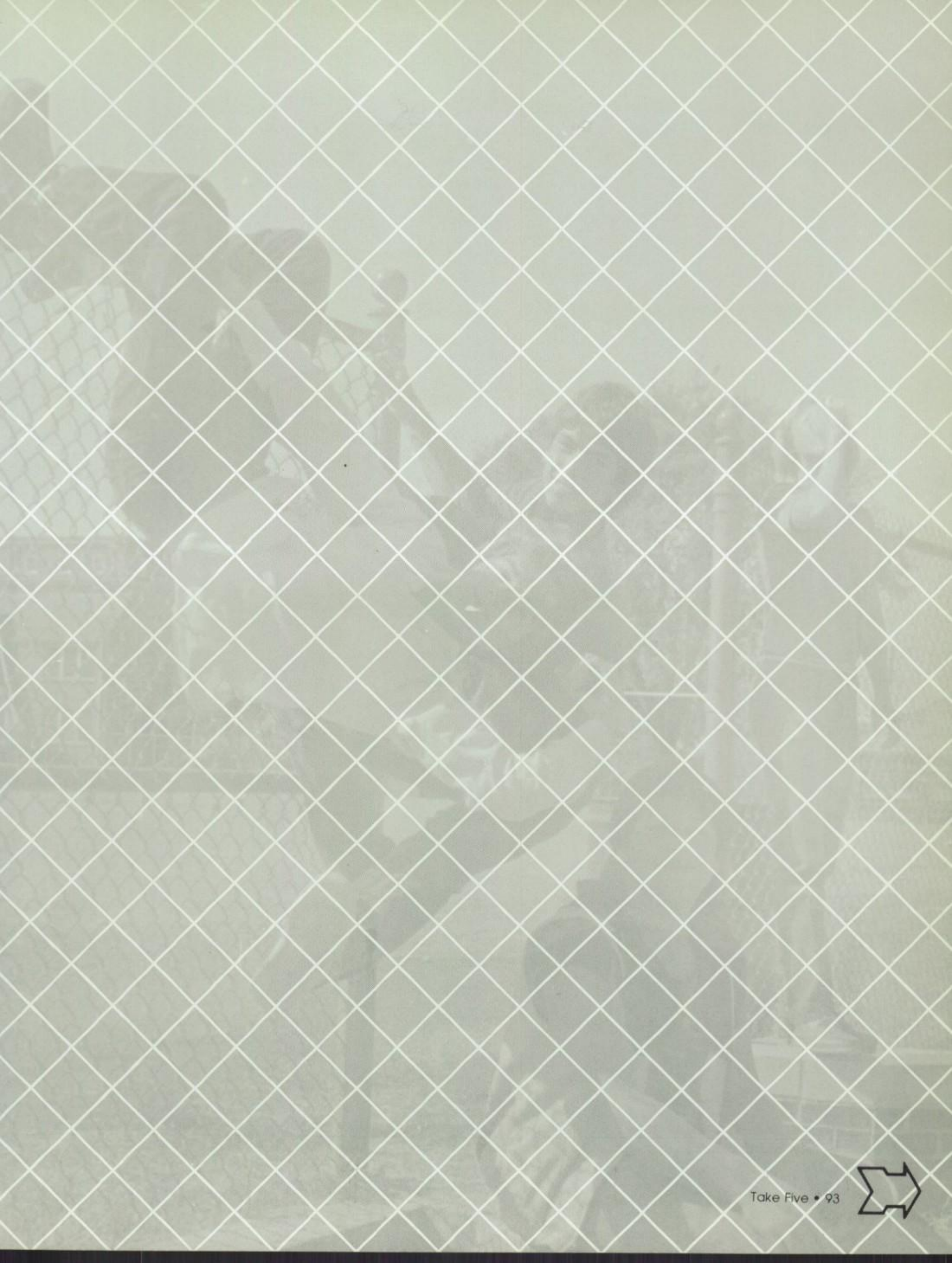
Senior Bryon Quintero knocks one out of the practice park, as he hones his batting skills to help make Classen's last baseball season memorable.

Hoping to recreate his spectacular double play in last season's Choctaw game, Ramon Landeros practices his fielding.

COMET BASEBALL. *Front row:* Patrick Riley, Billy May, Johnny Barrientos, Terry Adams. *Back row:* Bryon Quintero, Ramon Landeros, James Williams, Rick Embry, Mike Fallon, Coach Gary Crane.

TAKE FIVE:

PEOPLE



Jumping right in

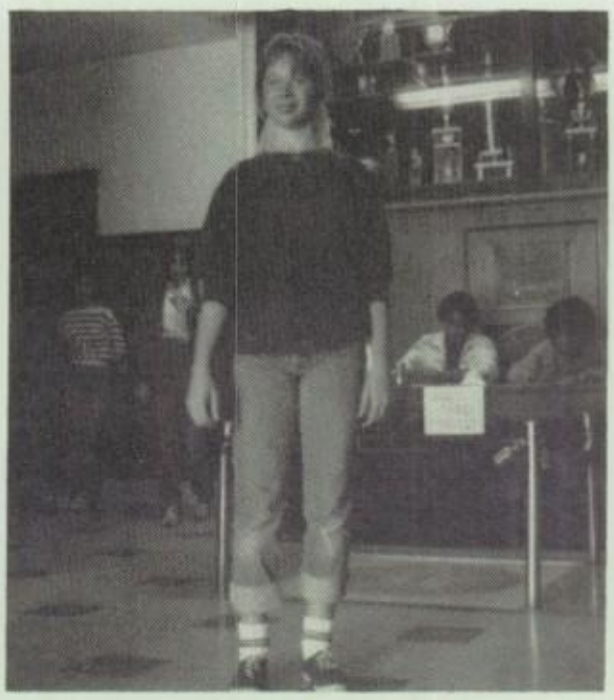
Homecoming evokes spirit

Just when the Class of '88 thought they had learned all the customs, rules and traditions involved in surviving high school, along came Homecoming Week, featuring its dress-differently contests.

Comet spirit said to jump right in and participate, which some of the freshmen did with gusto. Each day brought out different aspects of a student's personality, but it took dedication and perserverance to participate in the contest every day.

Vicki Tillman feels right at home on country-western day during Homecoming Week.

Showing true Comet spirit and pride, freshman Leveta Curnett participates in Homecoming Week's dress up contests each day, going from country-western to 50's day garb to dress-up day.



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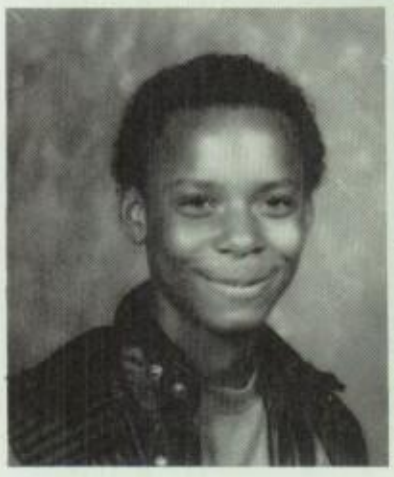

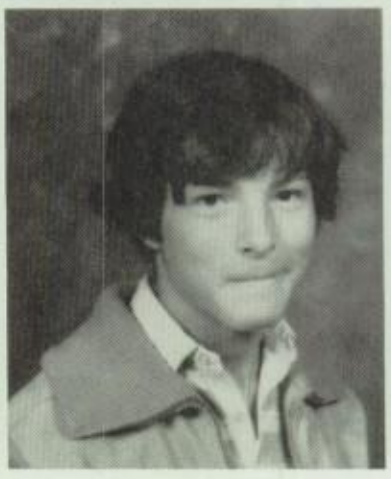

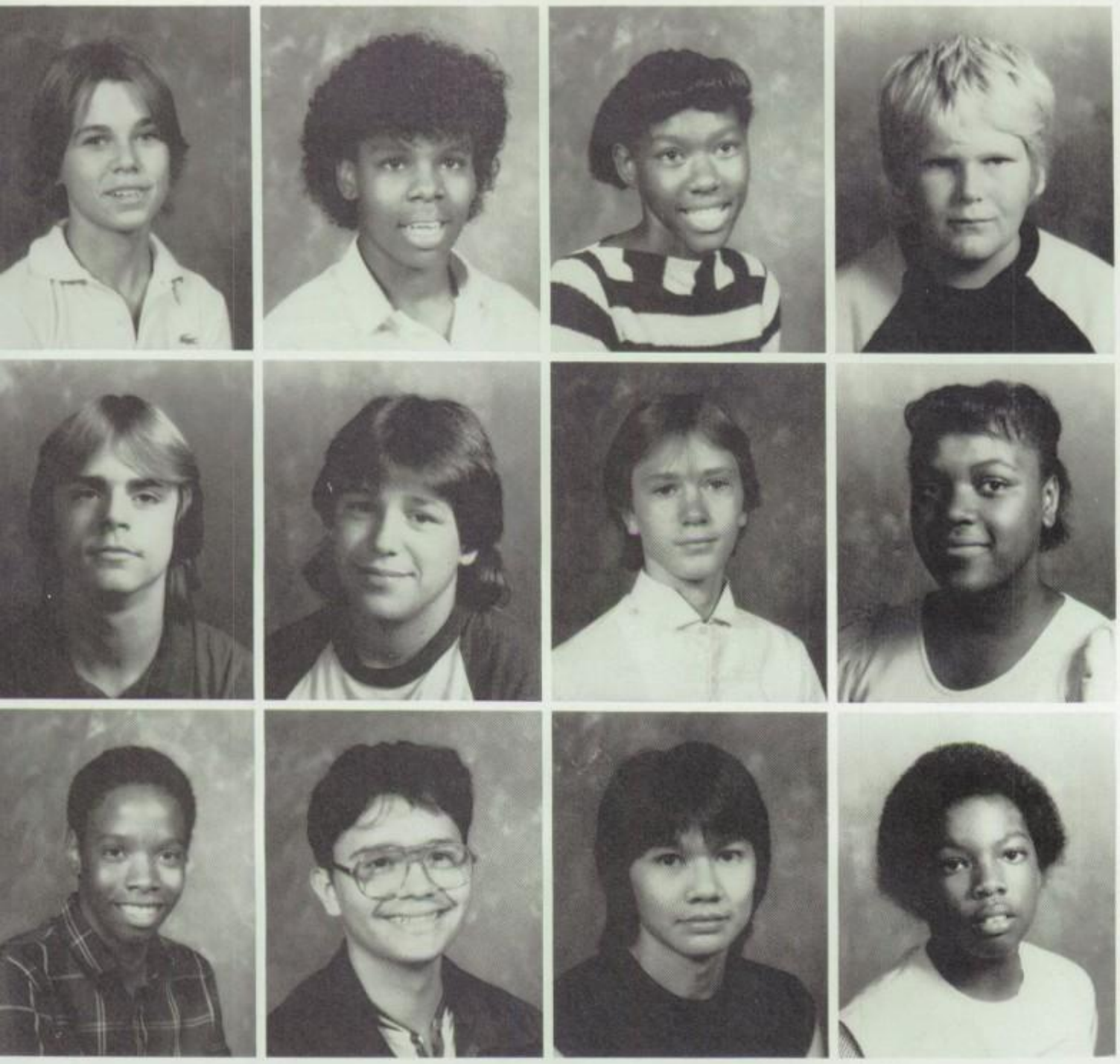

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Mike Bohanan
Billy Boughton
Yvetta Boyd

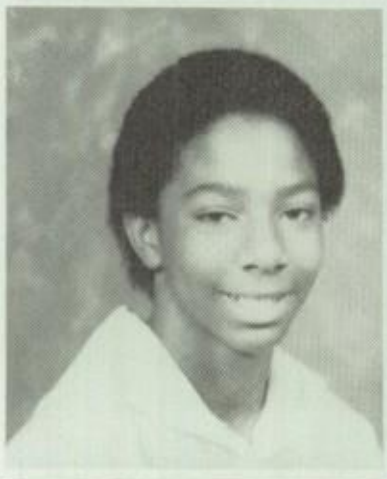
Lamar Bridges
William Carroll
Somkhith Chanchaleune
Sean Christian

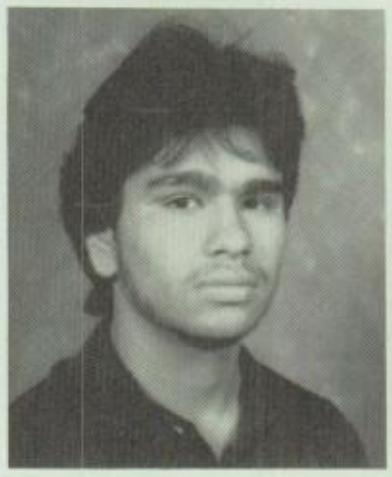
Tim Clark
Jacob Cobb
Charlene Coy
Latricia Curnett

Leveta Curnett
Lauri Dalton
Tammy Darling
Garland Davis

Gwen Davis
Marcie Davis
Tracie Debouse
Sandra Diaz

Derrick Dixon
Aurelio Dominguez
Olaya Dozal
Michael Elliott





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Tara Gilstrap

Mike Grigsby
Iliana Guzman
Tina Hamilton
Gwen Harjo

Celia Herrera
Nicole Higgs
Marlon Hill
Thurman Hines

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Men Hoang
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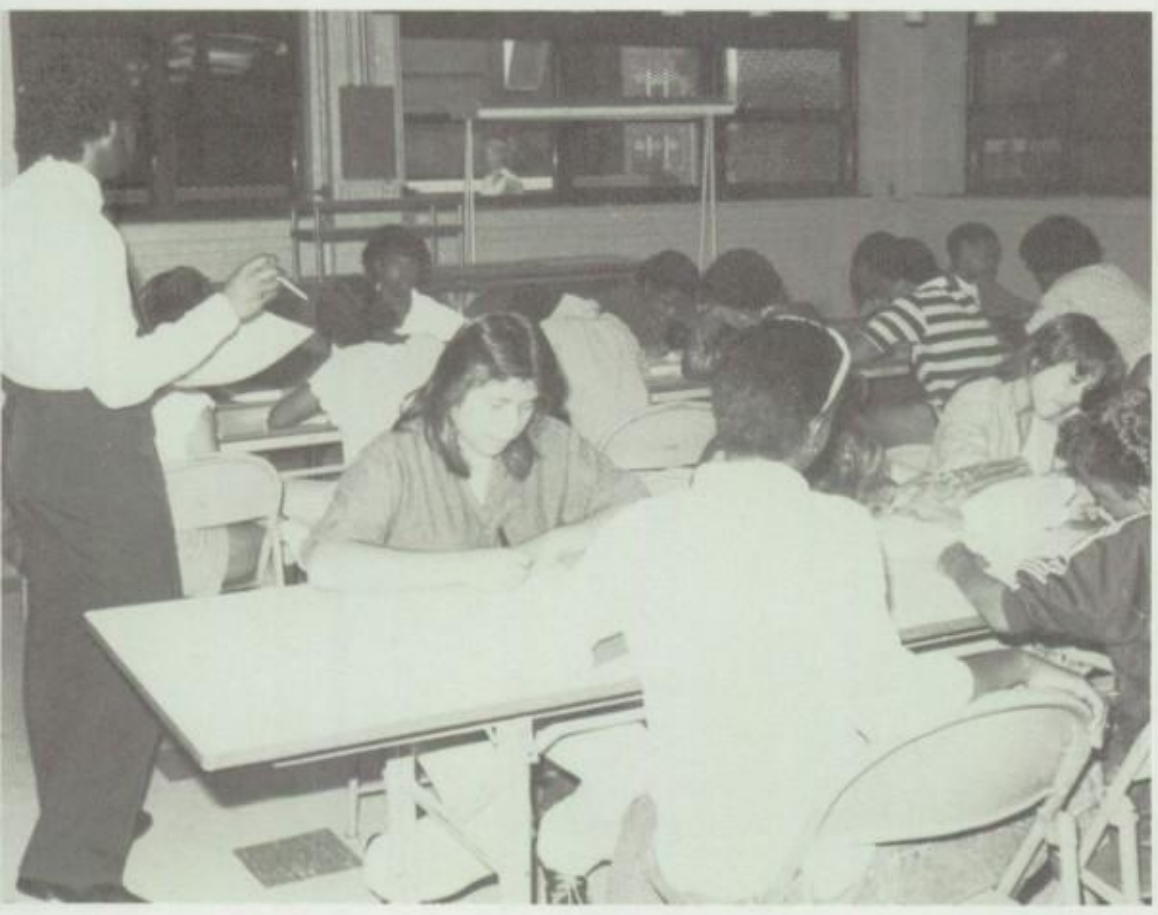
Richard John
Robert Johnson
David Jones
Randy Jones

Jennifer Kidwell
Scott Klepper
Teresa Lang
Kimberly Lavielle



SIP helps

The Student Intervention Program has changed its name since it was begun, but not its purpose — to provide direct services to students who are experiencing school-related problems.

Classen's SIP counselor Mr. Charles Williams sees his job as "preventive medicine."

He works with students having attendance problems, as well as those who have conflicts with authority, and identity problems.

"The program has helped many students remain in school and graduate," explained Williams.

SIP Counselor Mr. Charles Williams goes over the student handbook and its rules with members of the Freshman class in October.

Burnetta Lee
Brian Lewis
Bervis Littles
Hout Low

Minh Vuong Luong
Carmen Lyon
Rebecca Martin
Billy May

Derrick McKain
Tawaska Mickens
Mike Mitchell
Michelle Moore

Whiz Kid

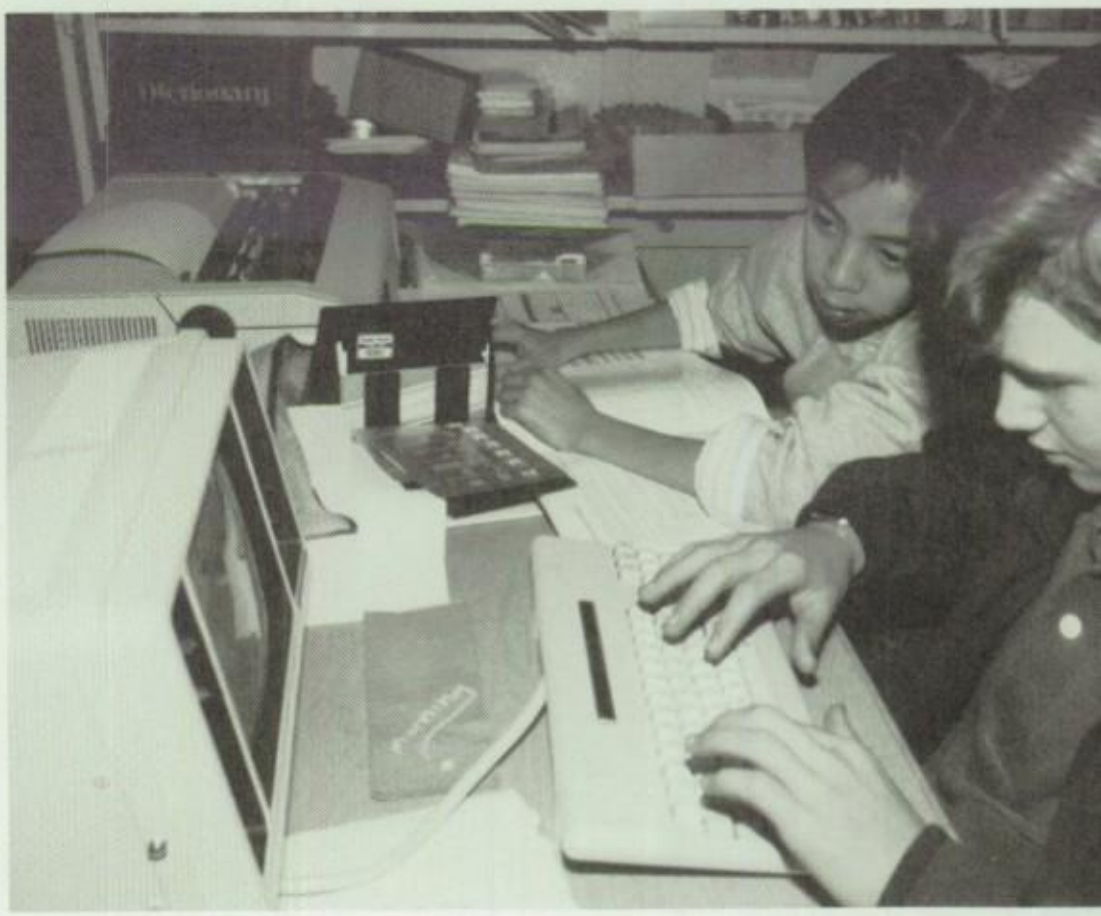
Need help in geometry? Ask Dung.

This was the most common answer to that burning question this year, as freshman Dung (pronounced Yung) Pham made a name for himself with his math skills.

"School is okay, and I like math," explained Dung, "but what I really love is computers. I can hardly wait until summer so I can work on my computer full time."

Dung and classmate Jack Hollenbeck accepted the challenge of trying to get the journalism computer to print its graphics program.

And they did it.



Dung Pham reads the line coordinates for a graphics design to Jack Hollenbeck, as they work out the bugs in the journalism computer's program.

Rafael Morales
Jennifer Moss
Jennifer Newell
Duc Van Nguyen

Tien Nguyen
Kila Niblett
Bentio Olivares
Michael Ordish

Ray Owens
DaJuan Parker
Lisa Peoples
Dung Pham

Michael Pitre
Paula Potts
Johnny Rackley
Maurice Richard

Valerie Richardson
Patricia Robinson
Rodney Rodgers
Lloyd Rusgrove

Billy Rusher
Bounta Seodara
Stacy Shadell
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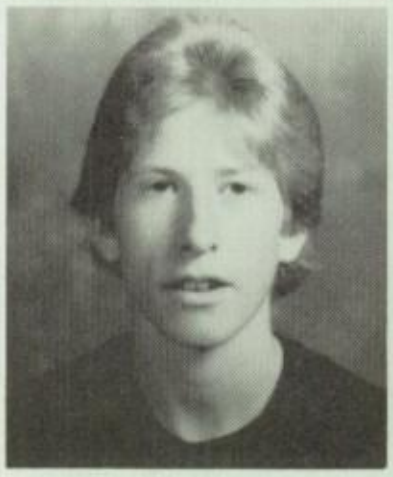
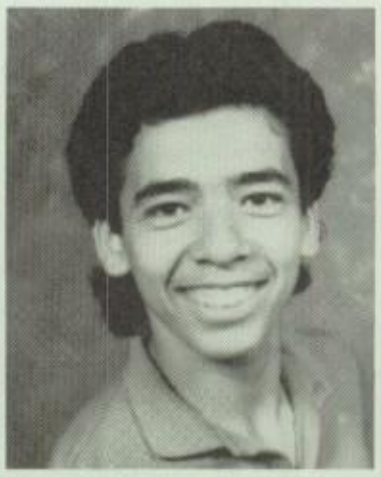
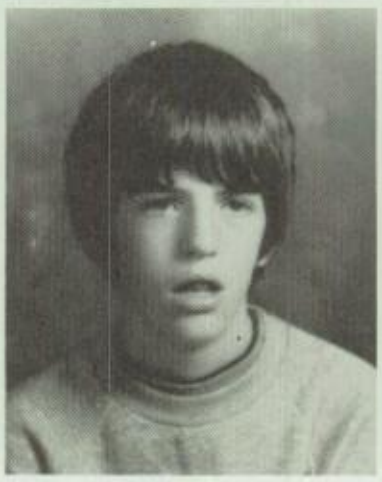
Tim Sinnett
Dion Smallwood
Joyce Smith
Tammy Smith

Mary Taylor
Arika Thompson
Vicki Tillman
Doan Minh Trinh

Duc Minh Truong
Lisa Trvoy
Anita Viney
Billy Washam

David Washington
Andy Weaver
Robert Wells
Shelia White



Jack Hollenbeck checks over his 3-foot square futuristic drawing for missing details before entering it in an art show

A look at the future

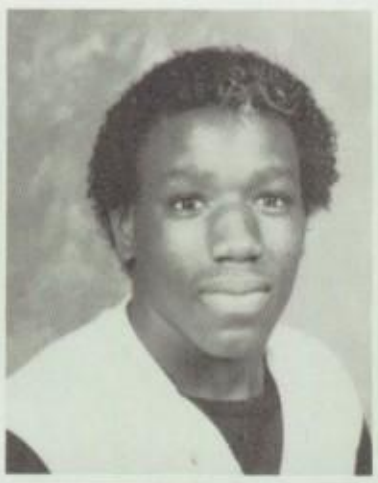
It was hard for Jack Hollenback to narrow down his interests enough to set up a picture, but after deciding on art, the choice of his favorite drawing was easy.

The 3' x3' design of a futuristic building was done entirely with colored pencils and took Jack three weeks to complete. Inspired by a drawing accompanying an Otis Elevator Co. ad, Jack added his own imagination to create the eight-story structure.

Many times I read about something and then try to draw it," explained Jack. "Futuristic drawing by architects inspired me to do my own."

Jack used to draw a weekly comic strip for his school newspaper which utilized all his artistic skills.

Other interests of this talented freshman include acting, playing the trombone (with an F Key) and collecting weird and neat objects.



Anton Williams
Richard Williams
Tarita Williamson
Marlon Wilson

Eric Young
Floyd Young
Rodney Zins

Modeling for petites too

The usual idea of a model is 5 feet 8 inches or taller, but Charlene Moore has proved to the exception.

"There are as many females who are under 5 feet 5 as there are tall ones," commented Charlene, whose 5-foot frame makes her an excellent model for petites.

Charlene was born in the Philippine Islands but has lived in Oklahoma City since she was four years old. She is a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling and just this year signed contract with L.A.C.E., Inc., a Norman agency.

"I guess I got interested in modeling," Charlene mused, "because I have always loved clothes." She would like to major in fashion merchandizing in college.

In addition to modeling, Charlene is a cheerleader and likes biking, exercising and photography.

She was second runner-up in the Miss Oklahoma Teen contest in September, being voted most photogenic and most congenial. Last spring Charlene was first runner-up in the Cinderella Girl Pageant. She also entered the International Hemisphere Pageant in Florida last summer.

Striking a typical pose for her modeling portfolio, sophomore Charlene Moore adds professional modeling to her activities, for both fun and profit.

Sean Adler
Tresa Allen
Roberto Alvarez
Lisa Anderson

Deena Autry
Juan Badillo
Chris Baker
Karla Baquier

Kim Benson
Ronald Bobo
Tammy Boughton
Letitia Brown

Kelly Carey
Shari Carter
Thanh Chau
Tony Clark

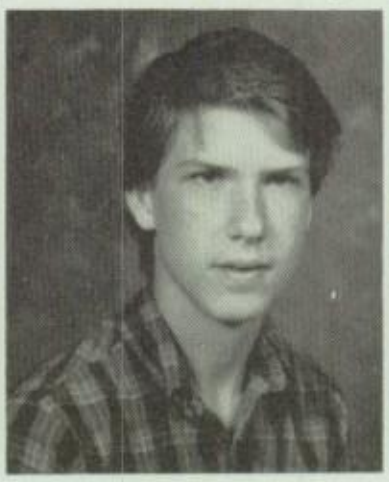
Larnardo Conley
Jeff Crowder
Richard Curnett
Shelly Davis

Barry Dowell
Becky Fletcher
Ravonnne French
Angela Garner

Sean Gershon
Mark Guyton
Jetta Harp
Paul Hart

Tyra Hendrix
Don Hibshman
Ladonna Honea
Robin Howard

Dawn Johnson
Jimmy Judge
Kori King
Karen Kirkpatrick



Detra Knight
Kendra Lamb
Shelly Lewis
Dereck Little

Tammy Love
Kim Marshall
David Mach
David McQuown

Robby Middleton
Caroyln Mobley
Brandi Mock
Bryan Mock

Charlene Moore
Troy Mount
Melissa Nelson
Son Nguyen

Carla Noblitt
Kathryn Norwood
Martha Olivares
Michael O'Nevins

Band heads for fame

"Free Fare," a young musical group from Florida, had a more lasting effect on a few members of Classen's student body than they ever imagined, when they gave a free performance here last fall.

They inspired Ken Brewington and Terry Adams to form their own group, which they call The Mammouths.

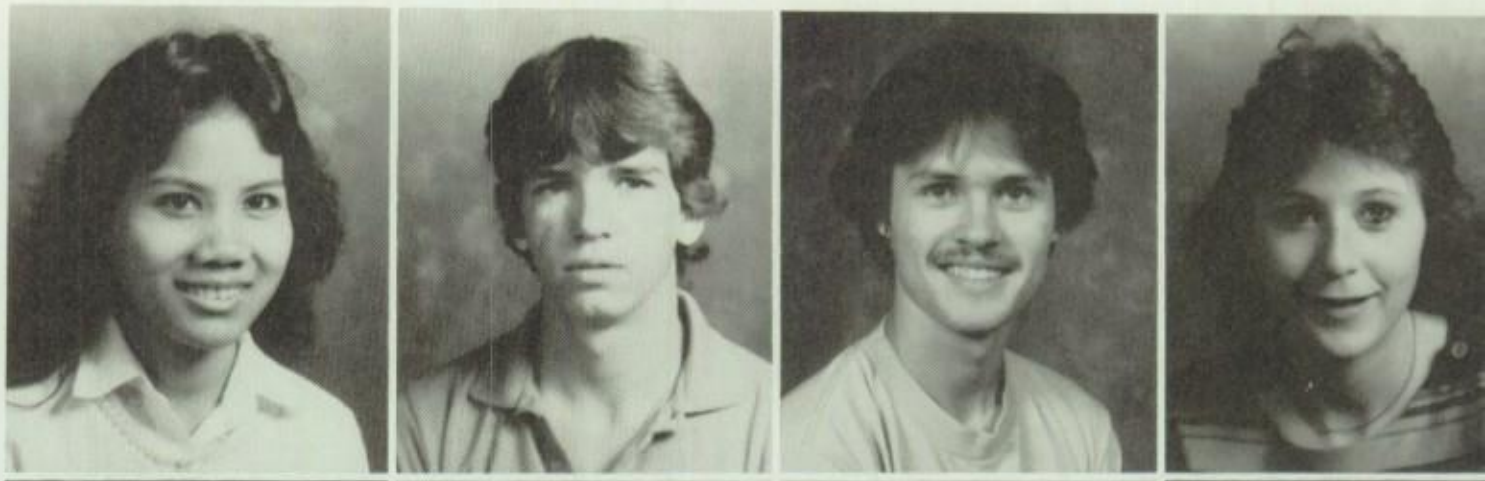
Ken, coming from a very musical family, plays drums, Terry, the lead guitar. The third member of the group is John Jones, a member of the 82-83 Eruptions. Junior David Winters subs on electric bass.

After graduation Ken hopes to return to his home town of San Bernadino, California, to do session work for a recording company.

The Mammouths shared their talents with several school groups this year, as well as playing some private gigs.

After loading all his drums into a truck to transport them to school, Ken Brewington and Terry Adams practice on the stage, much to the enjoyment of students who served as an appreciative noontime audience.

Porany Ouk
Ronald Partin
Alfred Pendergraft
Clarissa Pendergraft



Susan Perry
Candi Rader
Ona Ransom
Marc Shockley

Kori's activities show Comet spirit

Being an honor student taking college prep classes, playing the piano, participating in school activities are not unusual things for Comets. But the fact that Koran King is blind makes her involvement more unusual and certainly more interesting.

Kori lost her sight when she was ten, but she doesn't let that keep her from doing things she wants to do. "It does have its disadvantages, especially when I want to make new friends," Kori commented, but she doesn't let it keep her from being friendly.

"I wanted to graduate with my friends at Classen," she continued, "and then go back to Florida for college." Kori is secretary of the sophomore class, a member of Pep Club, National Honor Society and Student Council.

Kori dreams of becoming an actress, but would settle for a good job after college, marriage and children. She wants most for "people just to look at me as a person, not at my disability."

Kori King will carry that Comet spirit with her wherever she goes.

Making use of a Braille writer helps Kori King take class notes, take tests and prepare written assignments in her college prep biology class.

Shelly Spahn
Rudy Starr
Meredith Taylor
Jesus Talaveria

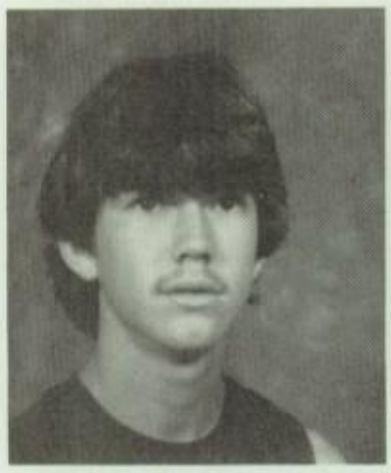
George Tavarez
Payron Thompson
Raymond Tonkeamah
Duc Kim Truong

Angel Turley
Stephanie Vincent
Terry Viney
LaShawn Washington

Jackie Watters
Mike Wetmore
Missy Wheeler
Jason Whitney

Serita Wright
Floyce Young
Michelle Young
Henry Zuniga

Terry Adams
Tyris Adams
Ahmadullah Ansari
Rosie Bailey



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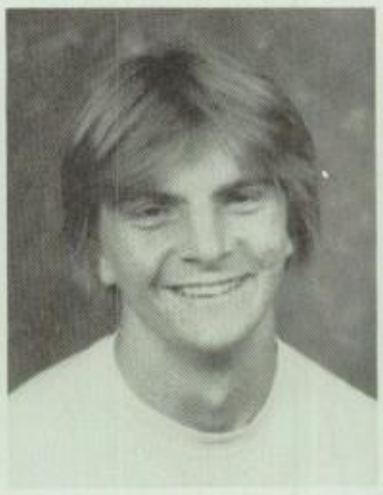
Tabitha Blair
Marla Blakely

Bobby Bland
Ken Brewington
Sherri Butler
Lelia Case



Ronald Chastain
Chris Collins
Larencetta Combs
Gary Cooper

Ellick Cosby
Jennifer Cox
Wendy Curzio
Tina Decker

Demetra Castille earns All-State fame

The temperature was 47° but the wind made it seem about 15. The course at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa was far more hilly than any the team had ever run.

Yet, despite all this, Demetra Castille ran a 13:43 sixth place and won a coveted All-State letter in 4-A cross country.

After placing fifth at All City in October, Demetra began intensive training in preparation for State competition.

"Demetra's untiring desire to excel as a runner," observed Coach Darlene Reber, "helped her prepare for the uphill course at Oral Roberts."

Demetra Castille breaks into a rare smile as she displays her cross country trophies and ribbons she earned for Classen in its last year as a high school.

The coveted All-State jacket comes as total surprise to Demetra Castille, as she models after being presented her jacket and letter in a December pep assembly.

Tony Dill
Camille Dixon
Leslie Edwards
Rick Embry

Bart Enge
Rudy Estrada
Ruth Gregory
Hector Guzman

Editor bikes through Europe

'Hot Wheels'

Imagine packing all your belongings for a month-long trip to Europe in two pannier bags that fit over the back wheel of your bike, boarding a plane with 40 kids and eight sponsors and heading for Holland, and you will sense what Jennifer Cox felt last June.

"The best part of the trip was the feeling that I could do whatever I wanted to," remembered Jennifer. "There was so much space, such a feeling of freedom."

The only problem Jennifer had (other than packing) was one side of her gear shaft, completely breaking off. "I didn't even have a flat tire!"

The group's longest ride was about 42 miles, up and over ("mostly up") the German farmlands. One of the rides ended in Rudesheim, Germany, or rather at a hostel 1.2 km. *above* Rudesheim.

The 5-country tour ended in Paris, but Jennifer liked Switzerland, with all its natural beauty, the best. "The worst part of the trip was getting on the airplane to come back home," Jenn recalled.

Jennifer Cox demonstrates her pannier-packed bike, which took her to five European countries last summer.

Michelle Harris
Karen Honea
Michelle House

Ken Hudson
Lisa Hudson
Al Huffman

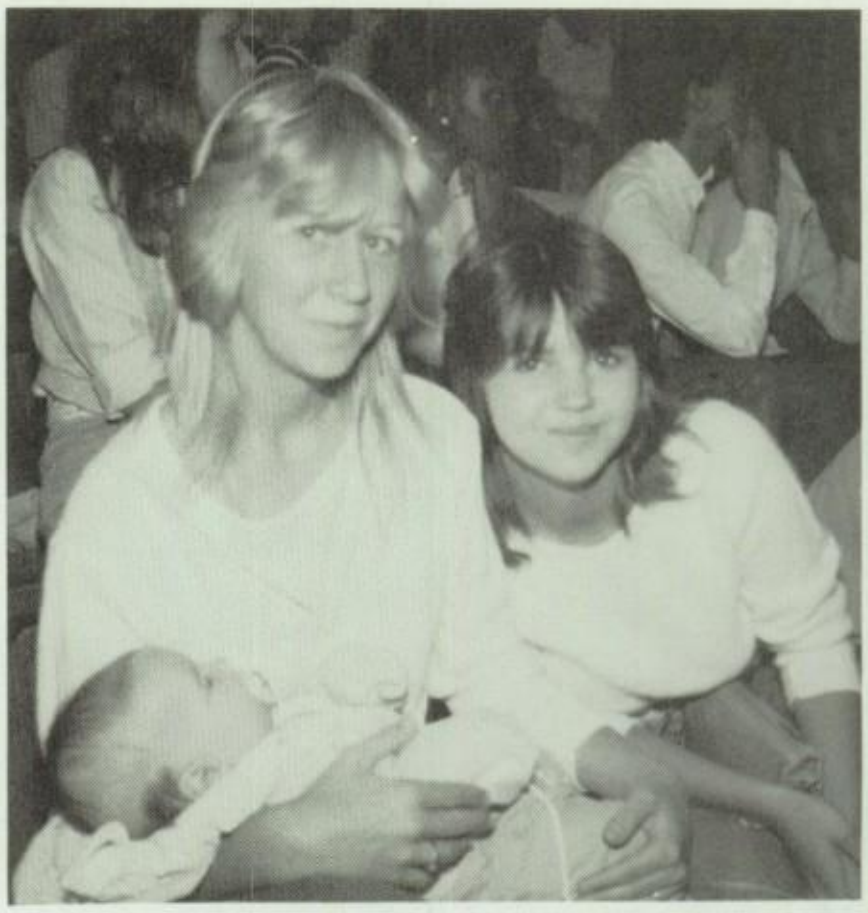
Tammy Huggins
John Hughes
Kathy Johnson
Tammy Kidwell

Blaine Lewis
Hoa Lim
Hung Ly
Khanh Ly

Jesse Mable
Gary Mahurin
Brian Makey
Chester Marrotte

Lori Martin
Neal Massey
Barbara McCoy
Cynthia Mitchell

Members of the junior class proudly advertise that they are the "Class of '86." This was before the news that they would not graduate from Classen High School.

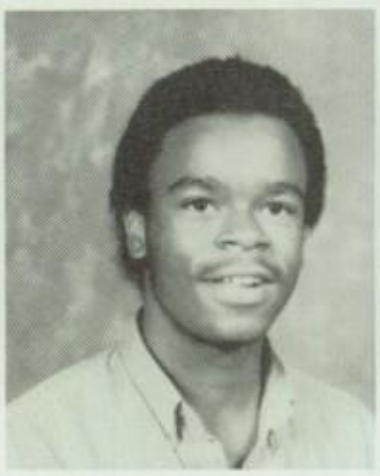


Tina Decker and Terri Huffer share the movie bright lights with Shelly Renee Huffer.

Shawn Morton

Brenda Niblett

Marquetta Oliver
Billy Perry
Marcus Quinn



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Lirake Rodriguez
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Steven Shelby
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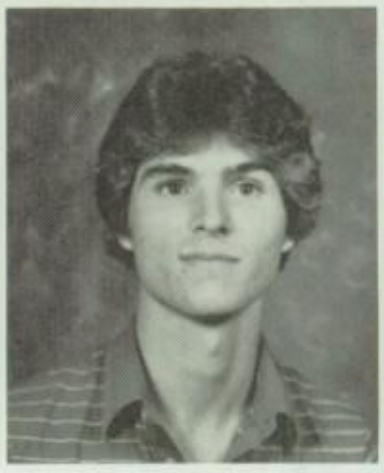


Charise Smith

Mae Sutherland

Sonya Tidmore

Bobby Tidwell

Trish Turley

Pechmony Uong

Tony Webb

Karen Wheeler

Michelle Whitebird

Dianna Whitfield

Anna Willis

David Winters

Lori strikes 'em out

One of Classen's best athletes is Lady Comet Lori Martin. In her third year of competing in swimming and softball, Lori has been the principal pitcher for the Lady Comets.

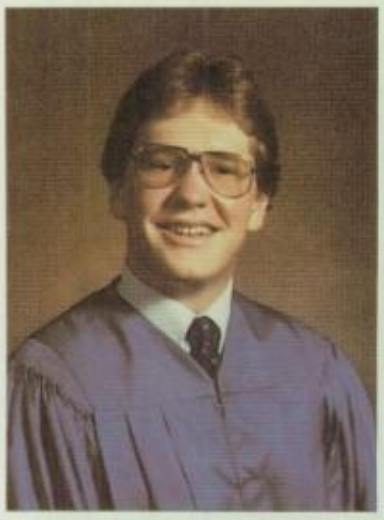
"My favorite sport to play is softball," Lori acknowledged, "but I really did enjoy watching the Olympics."

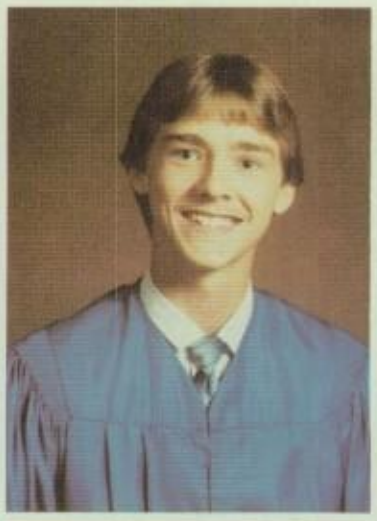
She also enjoys watching football. Lori says that sports have helped her learn to work with other people as a team. "And, it's helped me gain self-confidence," she added.

As a southpaw pitcher, Lori is looking forward to playing softball her senior year.

Concentration helps junior pitcher Lori Martin strike another batter out as the Lady Comets beat John Marshall 24-0. Summer Bighorse waits for grounders coming her way.

Eric Adler
Thomas Anderson
Regina Ashley
Ana Badillo





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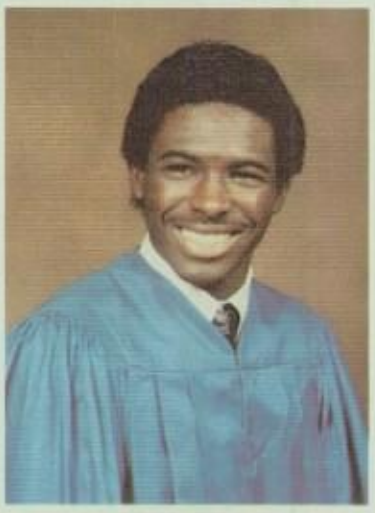

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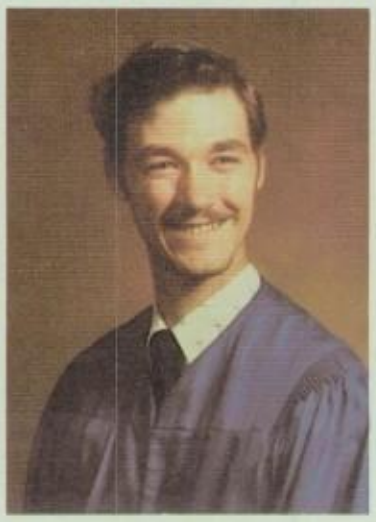

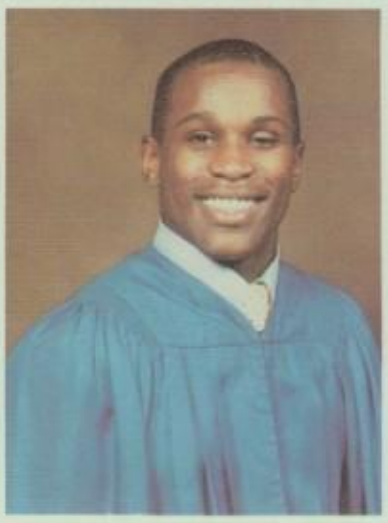

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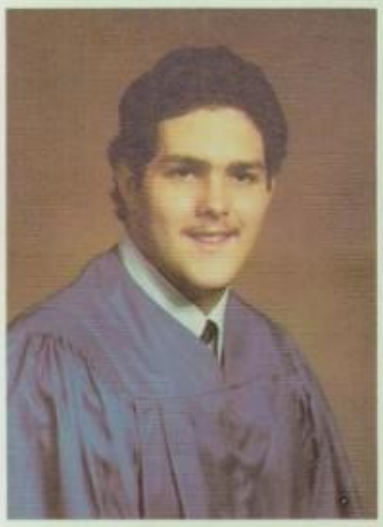

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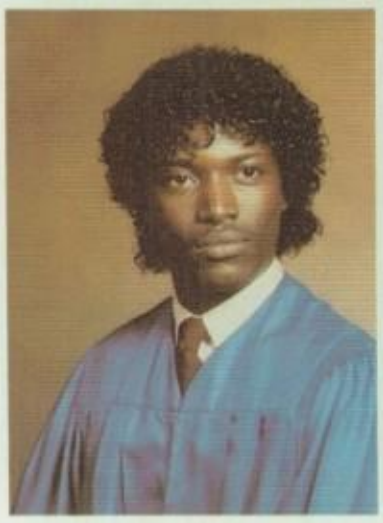
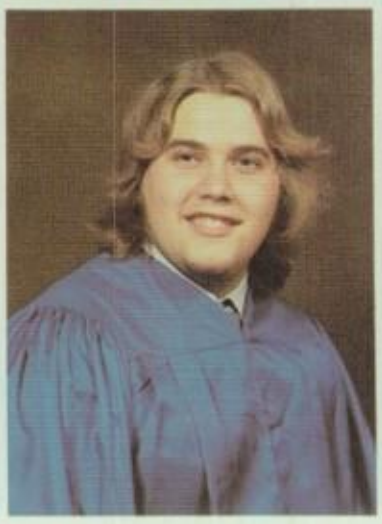
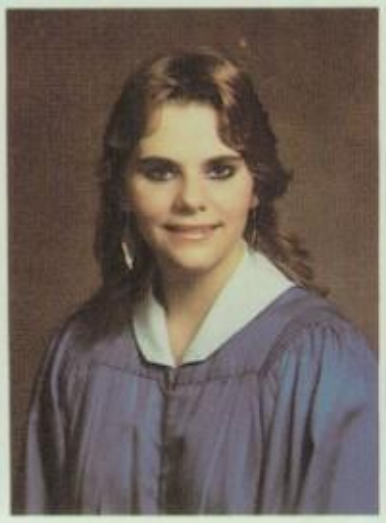






Jobs can be interesting

Lisa Krell helps expectant mothers "round" out their wardrobes at Otilia's Maternity shop.

The economics of 1984 put many seniors to work after school.

Lisa Krell found working at Otilia's Maternity Shop a very pleasant experience. "Most of the customers are very happy and excited," she remarked.

Because she is the only employee, Lisa got to work at all aspects of merchandising, from pricing and stocking to sales.

"I was afraid I'd gain weight!" Kelly Minor said jokingly about her job at Dunkin' Donuts, "but after a couple of weeks, sweets didn't even sound good."

Kelly liked her job's being close to home and school, and the hours were convenient.

Tracy Fields' kindergarten kids at St. Luke's Development Center **"love** musical chairs!"

Tracy teaches them crafts, numbers and colors in the afternoons after they go to public kindergartens in the mornings.

"We're more than just a day-care center," added Tracy.

Working for the US government at Tinker AFB gave Demetria Quinn practical experience in all aspects of office work.

"My boss is civilian but I work with military personnel too," she explained.

Light typing, filing, answering the phone and xeroxing duties made Demetria conclude, "Working for the government would be a good career."

Whether it be Bavarian cream or chocolate long johns, Kelly Minor serves it up right at her after school job at a nearby Dunkin Donuts.

Her smile shows that Tracy Fields really enjoys mothering her kindergarten class at St. Luke's Development Center.

Demetria Quinn records daily flight data at her job at Tinker Air Force Base in the Flight Management Division.

Competition sparks life

When someone participates in as many sports at Cozetta Case does, it's hard to pick a favorite, but Cozetta thinks "it is softball."

"It's all my dad's fault," commented Cozetta. "He shouldn't have brought home those trophies from drag racing."

At the tender age of five, Cozetta's athletic career began. Her first encounter with sports was with softball.

"I have always loved competing against other individuals," added Cozetta. "Participating in sports is my way of keeping the half of me that is competitive happy."

Besides playing softball, Cozetta has participated in basketball, cross country, track, volleyball and tennis.

Cozetta was Sports Editor for the *Orbit, Classen Life* and wrote a weekly column for Midtown News.

Don Luper's football dream began in the eighth grade when his sister was a senior at Classen and told him how sorry the football team was.

"That's when my dream first began," added Don. "I was going to be the hero who changed the Classen football team into a number one contender."

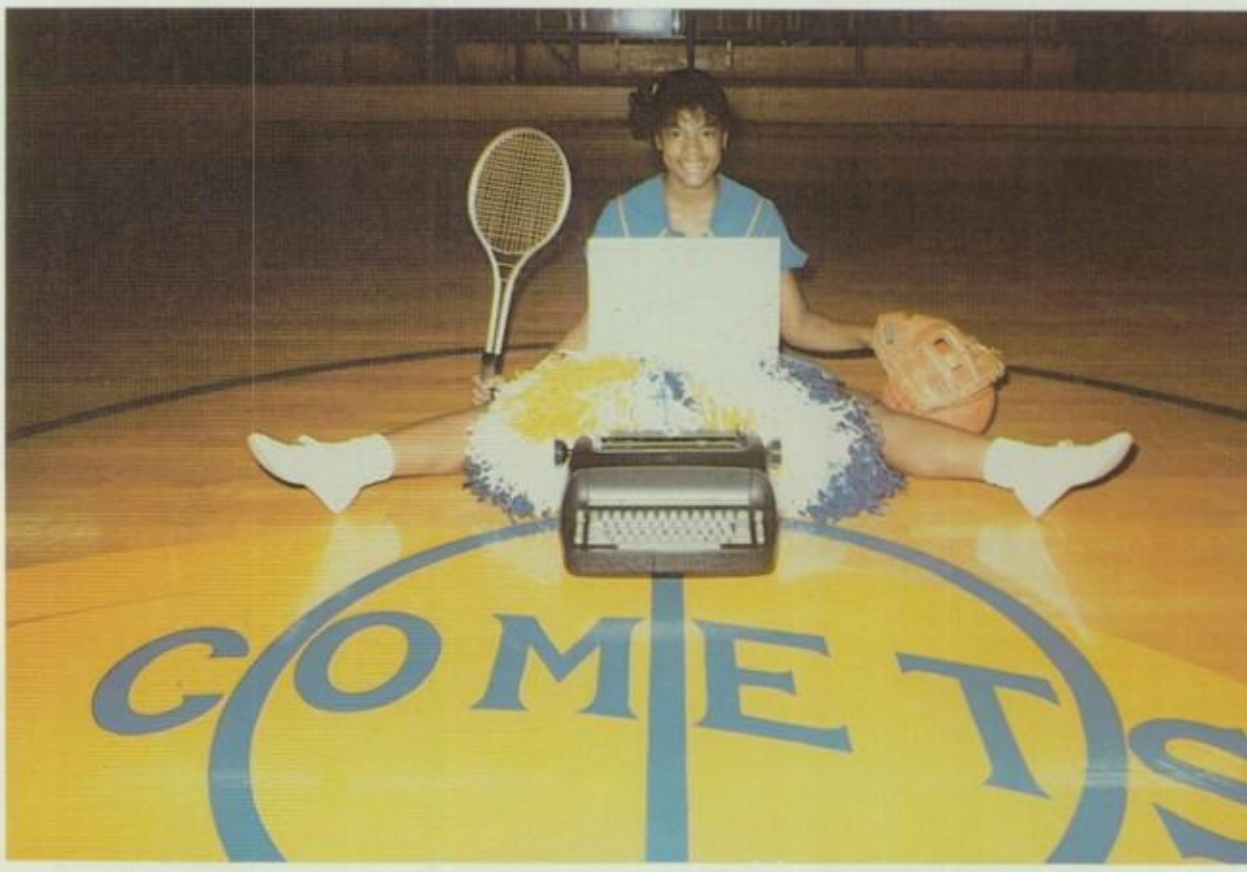
Don has always thought that girls went for jocks more than they went for just ordinary guys.

"Once I reached high school, Don said, "I found out that this assumption was not true."

In addition to football, Don loves running and has enjoyed this sport ever since the third grade.

Don Luper is very relaxed about posing with his football and track paraphernalia.

It takes all this "stuff" to represent all the sports and activities that Cozetta Case is involved in her senior year, when she added reporting to her list.



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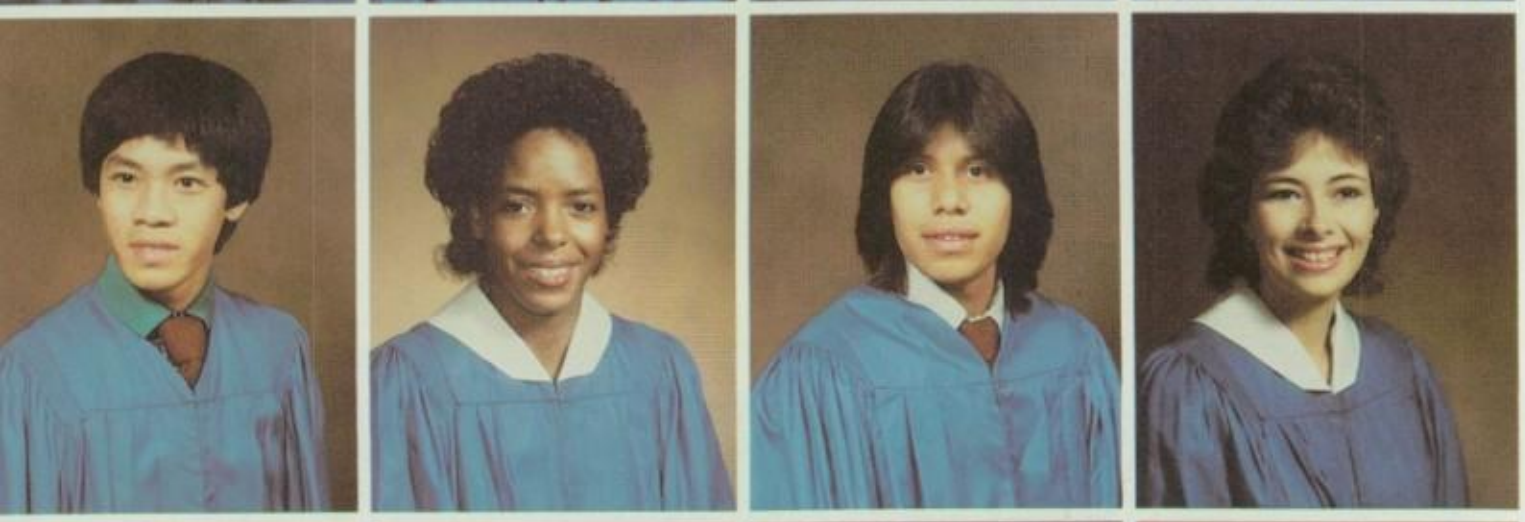

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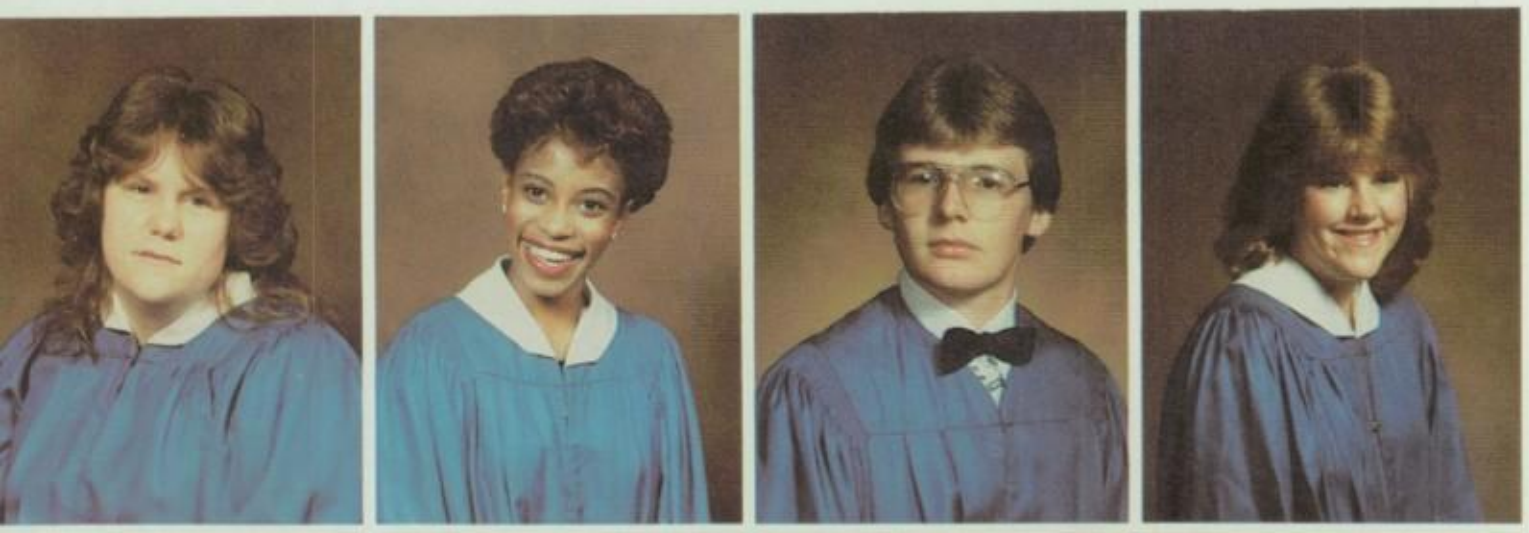

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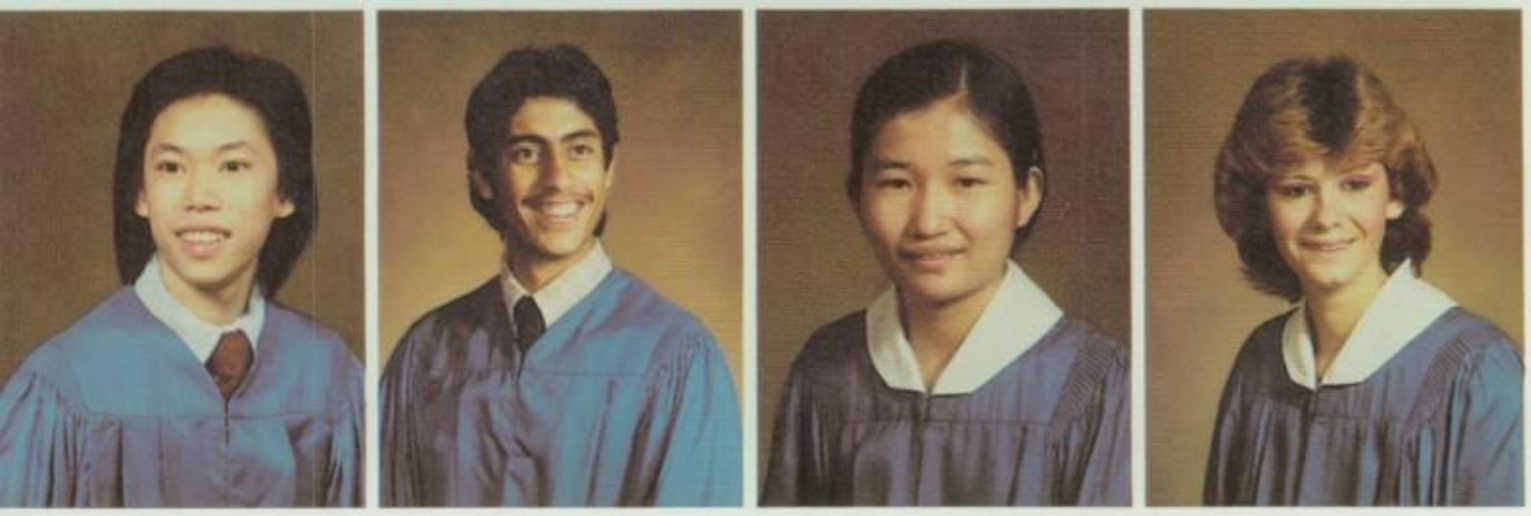

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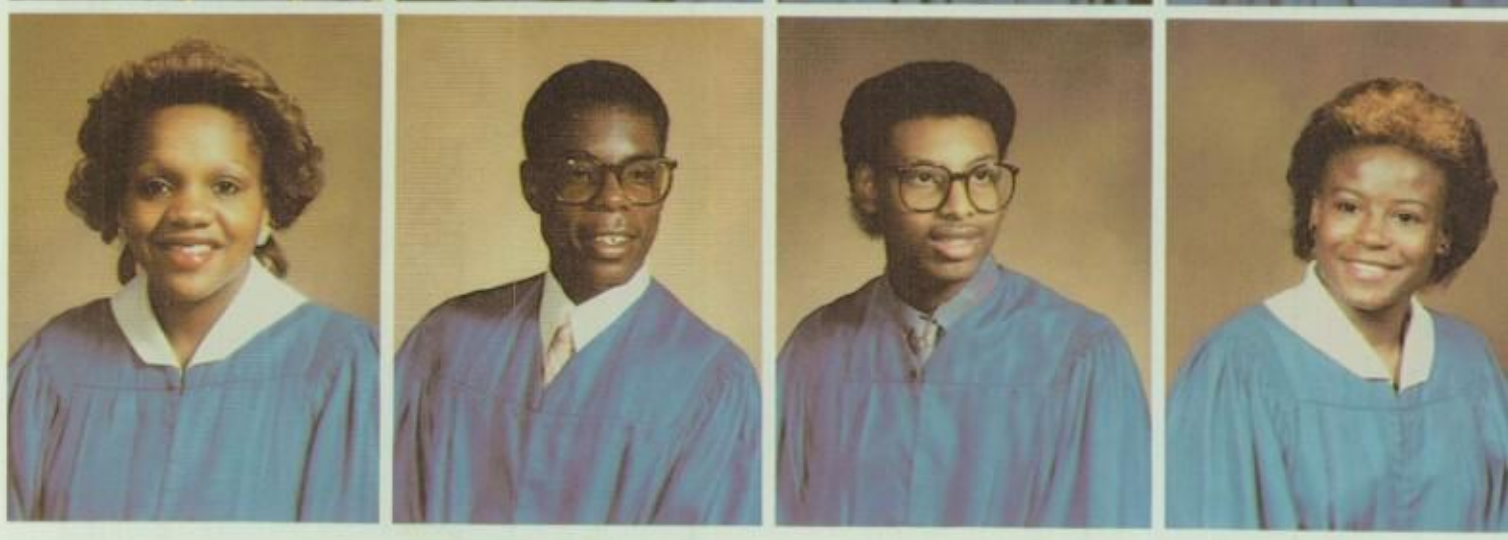

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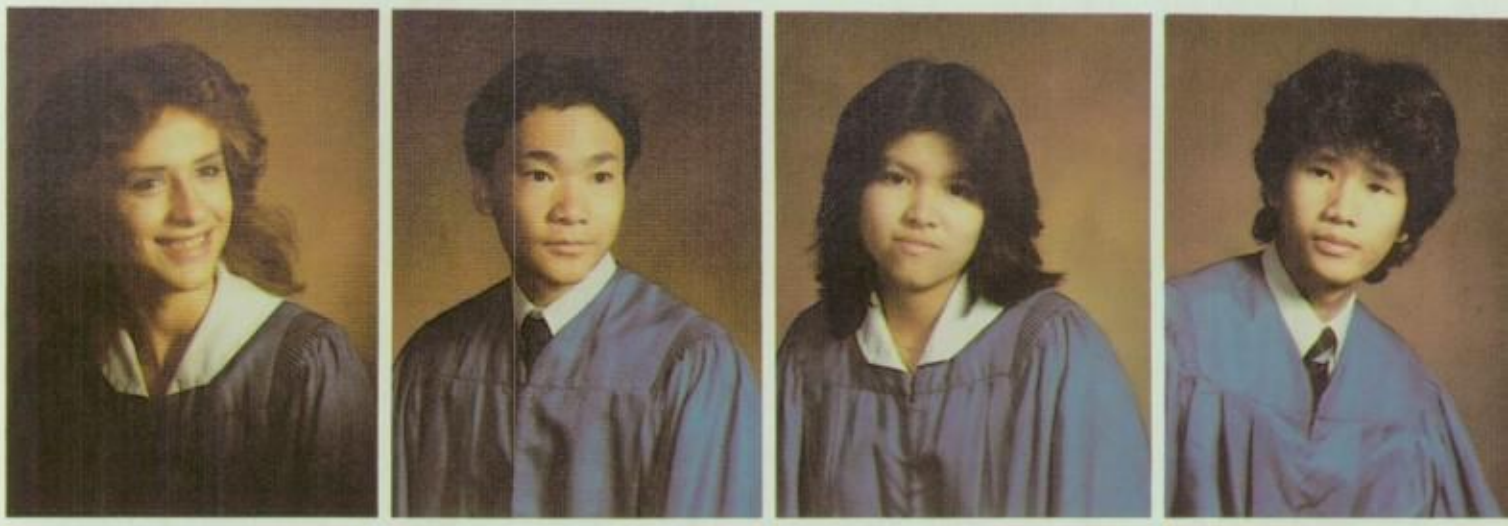

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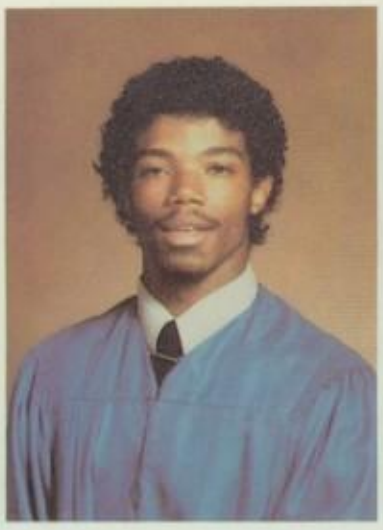
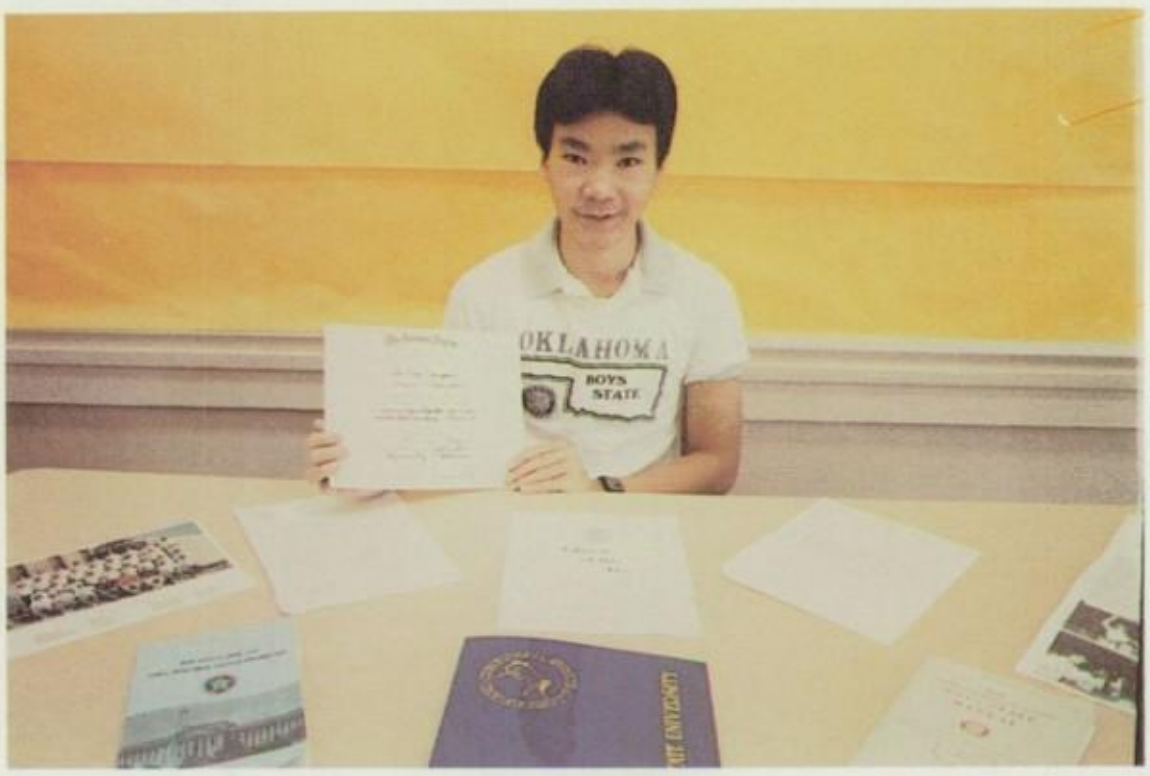


Demetria Quinn
Roshawn Richmond
Elsa Rodriguez
Sylvia Rodriguez

Learning is fun at Girls' and Boys' State

Memorabilia from Girls' State help Veronica Blakely relive the wonderful week she spent at East Central State University last summer.



A summer event that both honors and instructs high school students from all over the state is Girls' and Boys' State.

Sponsored by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, the two programs are dedicated to developing leadership in the state's youth.

Classen's representatives were Veronica Blakely and An Nguyen.

"There were 600 boys at Central State that week," An stated, "where we became involved in 'government in action.'"

Special guest speakers included Governor George Nigh, U.S. Representative Wes Watkins, State Supreme Court Justice Marian Opala and Attorney General Mike Turpen.

East Central State University hosted the 716 girls attending Girls' State. Delegates took legislative bills through the whole process, from introduction to passage.

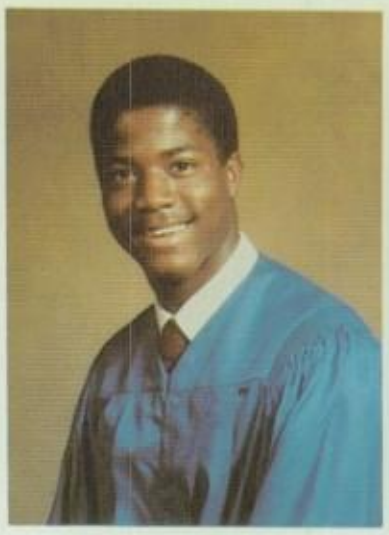
"Girls' State was the best week of my life," commented Veronica. "I learned things about government that I had never learned in school."

Working on committees taught the delegates that "learning can be fun."

Veronica served on the Judicial Nominating and City Election Committees, as Fire Chief and on the Board of Agriculture of her city.

An Nguyen is using literature from Boys' State about government to help him contribute to Classen's Student Council.

Steven Runnels
Eefong Saelee
Henry Sanders



Talent shows

Two talented members of the senior class are Becky Barten and Roshawn Richmond.

Becky started playing the acoustic guitar three years ago when a friend gave her a guitar and taught her some chords.

Since then, she has learned new chords, tunes and is learning how to read sheet music.

"I enjoy playing," mused Becky, "because it gives me a feeling of accomplishment."

Roshawn was only six years old when he became interested in art, by noticing things other people designed and deciding he could do it too.

He has learned how to use many of the media forms of art: charcoal, colored pens, ink, chalk, oil paints and pencil.

At his Vo-Tech course in Commercial Art, Roshawn has printed T-shirts, done advertising and other layouts, signs and designing. He designed and helped screen the senior T-shirts.

"I want to further my study in an art institute," expressed Roshawn.

With all that talent, he seems to be destined to become famous.

Playing her acoustic guitar under the sign of the KATT, Becky Barten performs a tune for her journalism class.

Roshawn Richmond demonstrates his mastery of one of his favorite art media, charcoal, as a picture comes together in minutes.

Sombath Seodara
Reiff Simmons
Richard Sligar
Saundra Smith

Rhonda Stubblefield
Tammy Sturgeon
Mary Swanda
Sengsavanh Sychareun

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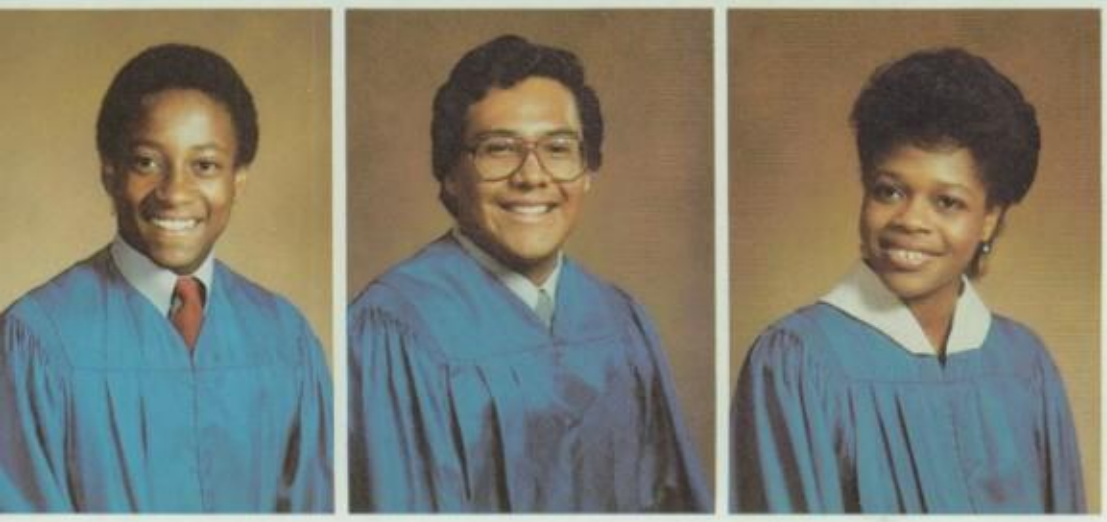

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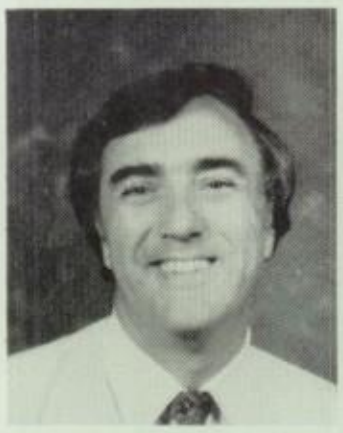

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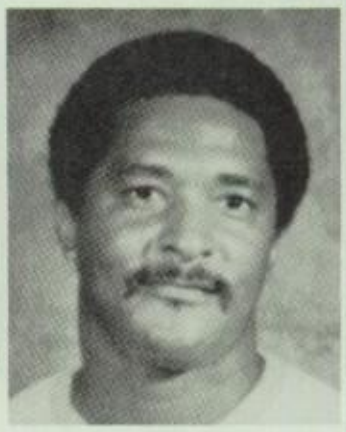
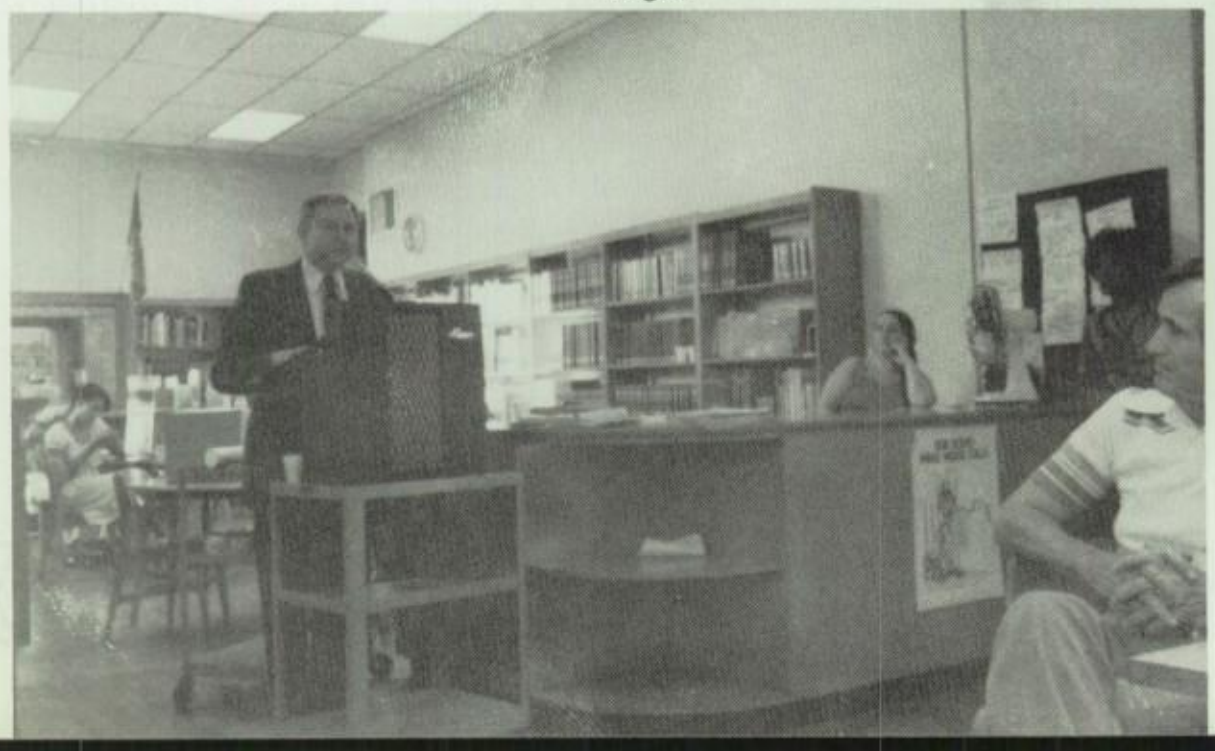
MR. WILLIE CASE: Woodwork; Assistant wrestling coach, Freshman track coach, Juniors; Industrial Arts Dept. Chairman, Assertive Discipline Comm. MR. LEON CLARK: General Math I & II; Girls' basketball coach, assistant football coach; Sophomores.



MRS. RUTH COHEN: LD; Freshmen; Human Relations Council, College Prep. MR. GARY CRANE: PE, Government, U.S. & Oklahoma History; Wrestling and baseball coach, assistant football coach; "O" Club, Sophomores. MR. MAURICE DANIELS: Government, U.S. and Oklahoma History; Football coach, assistant boys' basketball coach; "O" Club, Seniors. MS. CHERYL DOBBS: Hearing Impaired; Juniors.

Superintendent Dr. Donald Wright welcomes the faculty of Classen back to school in late August.



'Ghost Buster'

When Mrs. Darlene Reber began teaching Oklahoma history last year she was disappointed by the lack of current visual aids.

"Our state has such an interesting history," Mrs. Reber said, "but the textbooks and materials make it sound dull."

Knowing that she was to teach the college prep group this year, she set out to make her own visual guides to some of the state's interesting places.

"Chasing Oklahoma's ghost towns has turned into a family adventure," she stated. "We take grandparents, aunts and uncles on our outings."

The most interesting place Mrs. Reber has visited has been the cemetery at Sacred Heart, where Jim Thorpe went to school.

Several places, such as Fallis, were shown on maps but had no roads leading to them. Determined to find Fallis, the town which had produced two Poets Laureate of Oklahoma plus four other well-known writers, the Rebers got county maps and found the 22 houses that are all that's left.

"It's been a real education and a whole lot of fun," summed up Classen's own "ghost buster" Mrs. Darlene Reber.

A close to home historical marker is at Epworth Methodist Church, the first home of OCU, discovers Mrs. Darlene Reber.

MR. CHESLEY EASON: English I, U.S. History, CP U.S. History; Assertive Discipline, College Prep, Detention. MRS. BARBARA ERICKSON: American Lit, AP English, Psychology; Seniors, National Honor Society, Red Cross, Chess Club; Language Arts Dept. Chairman, Faculty Advisory, Assertive Discipline, College Prep. MRS. JUDY EVANS: LD; Freshmen, National Honor Society. MRS. EUNICE FARBES: CP Geometry & Algebra II, General Math II; Juniors; Math Dept. Chairman, Awards Comm., Courtesy, College Prep.

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MR. PAUL HENDRIX: In House; Freshmen. MS. MARIAN HULSEY: Journalism, English II, CP English I & II, Grammar & Composition; *Classen Life* & *Orbit* adviser; Juniors; National Honor Society, Assertive Discipline, College Prep, Human Relations Council. MR. DARRYL JOHNSON: Fundamentals of Art, Art II & III; Sophomores; Art Dept. Chairman, Courtesy Committee. MR. KOEHLER JOHNSON: Band, Chorus, U.S. History; Majorettes and Flag Corps, Band Council, Freshmen, Close-Up; Music Dept. Chairman; Faculty Advisory, Awards Committee, Courtesy Committee.

'Have you hugged your boa constrictor today?

"I've always had a special feeling for animals," Mrs. Marilynn Sparks answered the first question everyone asks her when they hear about her unusual pets. "My father taught me a great respect for wildlife by showing me animals in their natural habitat. I learned what sounds animals made and what those sounds meant."

Her menagerie includes a boa constrictor named Hector, three tropical birds, tropical fish, the rats she raises to feed Hector, and Ralph the dog.

Mrs. Sparks, bilingual aide at Classen, feels "happier around animals because they never try to judge you — they always accept what you've done or what you look like."

She was browsing in a pet store when she saw Hector and just knew she had to have him. "The hard part was convincing my husband that a snake would be a good pet," she commented.

Hector now has his own room, complete with a huge aquarium and a TV. He spends most of his day, sleeping curled up inside a very large clay pot or under his log.

Mrs. Sparks brings Hector to schoo once a year, hoping to dispell som of the bad publicity that snake have had ever since the Garden o Eden. She says that she has offere his services to Mr. McCain, to hel clear the halls.

"Snakes are so misunderstood, Mrs. Sparks, said sadly. "They'r very mysterious, they are intelligen and affectionate. Hector loves t have his tummy rubbed."

According to Hector, no on should be afraid of him just becaus he is a snake. He could bite bu probably won't. Even poisonou snakes won't attack unless pro voked.

"And," Hector added, "people do not even smell or look appetizing to me!"

Hector the Protector likes to show his affec tion for Mrs. Marilynn Sparks by giving her kiss. Fortunately, he doesn't offer to hug.

Swazi, the Sparks' newest feathered friend readies himself to nip Rasputin on the to feathers, but Groucho merely looks to see Mrs. Sparks has a Frito for him.

MR. CHARLES KEELER: Ceramics I & II, Fundamentals of Art; Seniors; Faculty Advisory, Assertive Discipline, Courtesy Committee. MS. CAROL KING: Sight Impaired; Chorus Accompanist; SI Dept. Chairman; Juniors. MR. OTIS KINSEY: Welding; CVET, Seniors. MR. PHIL KNOWLES: Biology, CP Biology; Science Club, Cheerleaders, Pep Club, Sophomores; Assistant softball and girls' basketball coach.

DR. JOAN KOPPER: Typing II, Accounting; FBLA, Seniors. DR. GASHAW LAKE: ESL; Juniors; Faculty Advisory, Human Relations Council. MRS. PAULA LE MASTER: Foods I & II, CVET; CVET Dept. Chairman, Seniors. MR. DON MC DANIELS: Drivers' Ed; Safety Council, Assertive Discipline.

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MR. FRANK TEFERTILLER: EMH; Coach for cross country, track and swimming; Freshmen; EMH Dept. Chairman; Faculty Advisory, College Prep. MRS. EARLEAN WALKER: CP Algebra I, Intro. to Algebra, General Math; Juniors. MRS. LINDA WEST: Introduction to Computers, General Science; freshmen; College Prep. MRS. VIRGINIA WOOD: CP Chemistry, General Science; Coach softball, Assistant coach tennis; Sophomores, Science Club; Science Dept. Chairman.

MRS. JULIA TERRELL: School Nurse. MR. CAN VAN TRAN: Vietnamese Counselor; Human Relations Council. MRS. PAT TREMAIN: Indian Counselor; Human Relations Council. MRS. BRENDA DUVERNAY: Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

MRS. CAROL CARTER: Sight Impaired Aide; Human Relations Council. MRS. MARGIE DOVER: Bilingual Aide; Human Relations Council. MRS. CHI KIM HO: Bilingual Aide; Human Relations Council.

MR. TIEM SOUR KEAM: Bilingual Aide; Human Relations Council. MRS. VARSITH SENGDARA: Bilingual Aide; Human Relations Council. MS. KAREN HENSON: Voc Rehabilitation Counselor. MS. CHERYL HARRIS: Speech Therapist.

MRS. RACHELLE STEPHENS: Principal's secretary; MRS. PAT PYLE: Financial secretary. MRS. MARJORIE REYNOLDS: Registrar. MRS. IRENE TRAIL: Media Center secretary.

This may look like a regular enrollment, but it is one of the movie scenes for the ABC-TV movie "Surviving," which was shot at Classen in September. Mrs. Ginger Wood and Mr Peggy Newman were two of the faculty wh had more active roles in the filming.

Mrs. Griffin runs for her health

Just looking at Mrs. Gail Griffin, always so perfectly dressed and well-groomed, it hardly seems likely that she goes home every day, dons her sweats and goes out running.

But, run she does, about 10 to 15 miles per week.

"I wanted to do some sort of aerobic exercise that would fit my schedule," Mrs. Griffin explained. "Physical fitness is very important to me, to make me feel good about myself."

Although city areas are not ideal for jogging, Mrs. Griffin is careful not to job in secluded areas. After last year's murder of a woman jogger, Mrs. Griffin helped conduct a Runners' Safety Clinic at Baptist Hospital.

"The longest I ever ran was about 10½ miles," Mrs. Griffin said, "but the longest competition run was 15 K (9.3 miles) at the Oklahoma Run at Lake Hefner."

She also ran in the Red Bud Classic last spring, which was 10 K (6.2 miles).

"Most of my competitive running is done in the spring," Mrs. Griffin said. "I'm not a very fast runner."

So, if you see a woman out running and you think it might be Gail Griffin, honk and wave, because it probably is.

Running the 10 K (6.2 miles) of the Red Bud Classic in 50:45 last spring, Mrs. Gail Gruffin uses her months of training to help her complete the course in good shape.

MS. PAT BRAZILLE: PBX. MRS. MARY BRYANT: Attendance secretary for 9th and 12th grades. MRS. IOLA BURRIS: Attendance secretary for 10th and 11th grades. MRS. LOUISE WILSON: Counselor's aide.

MRS. BOBBIE JONES: Cafeteria Manager. MRS. LULA BROOKS: First floor custodial staff.

Mrs. Mary Bryant and Mrs. Iola Burris get packets containing the Student Handbook ready for distribution during the first week of school.

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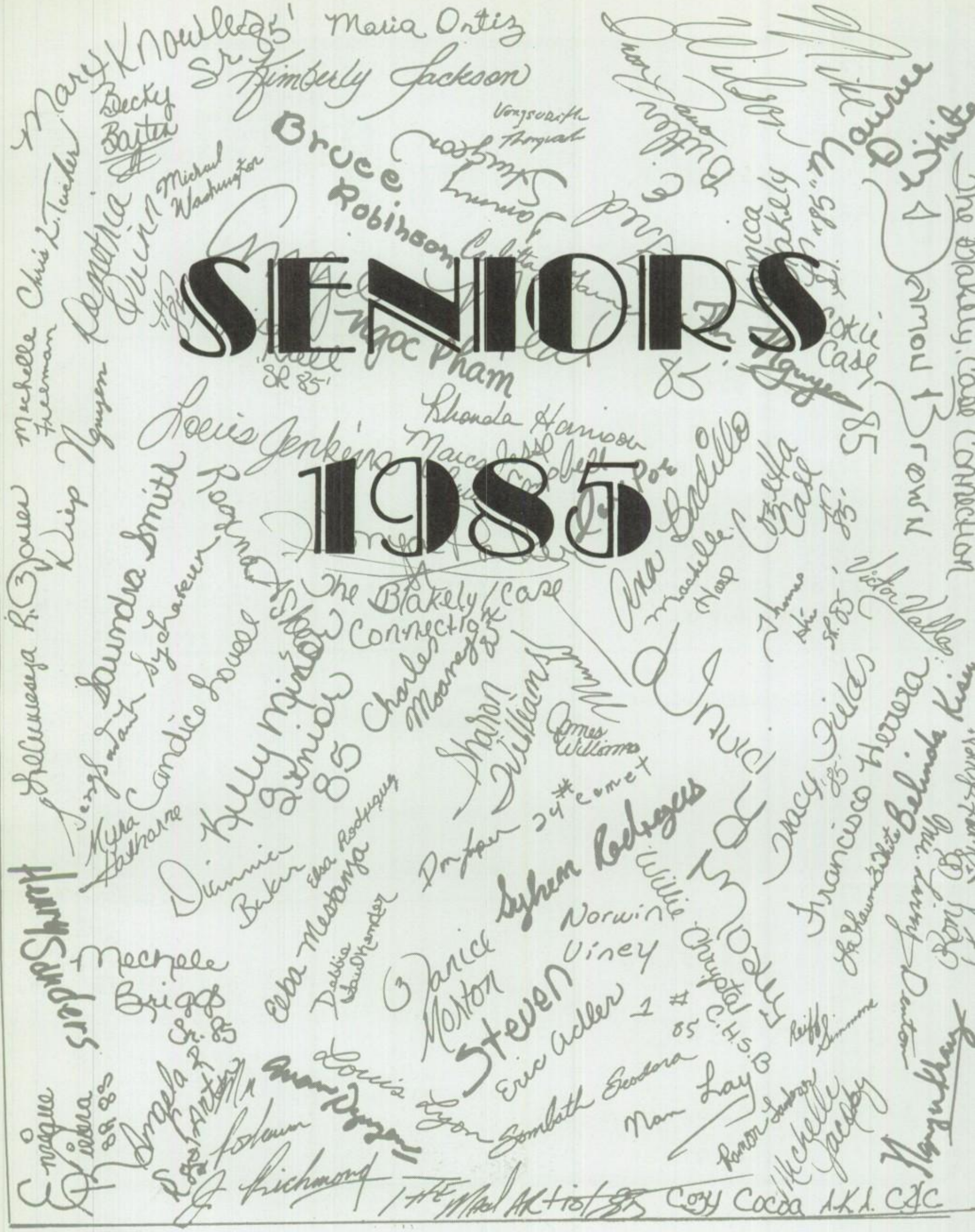

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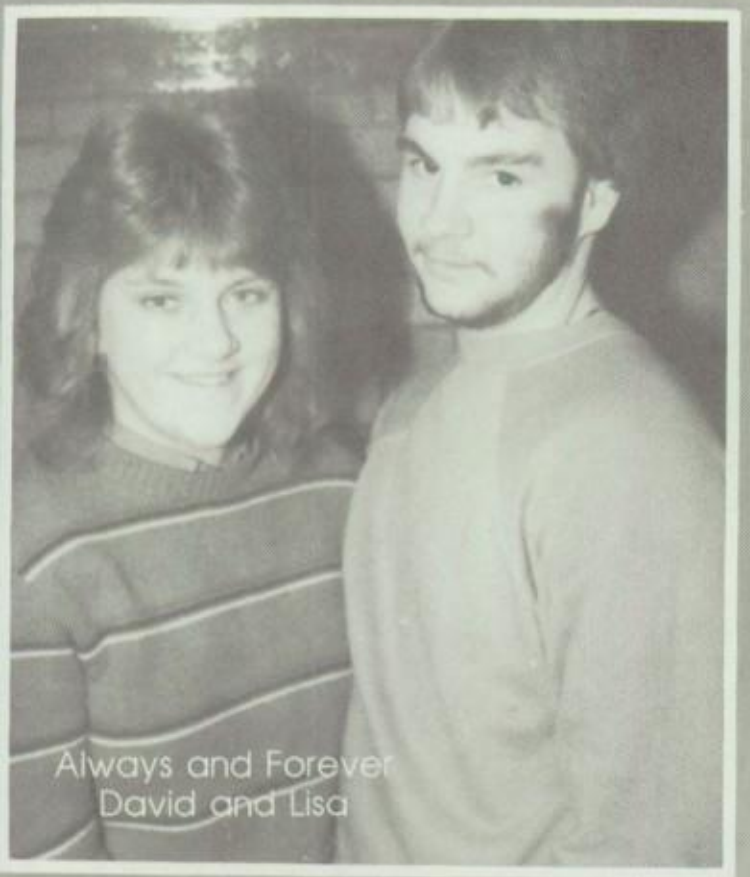

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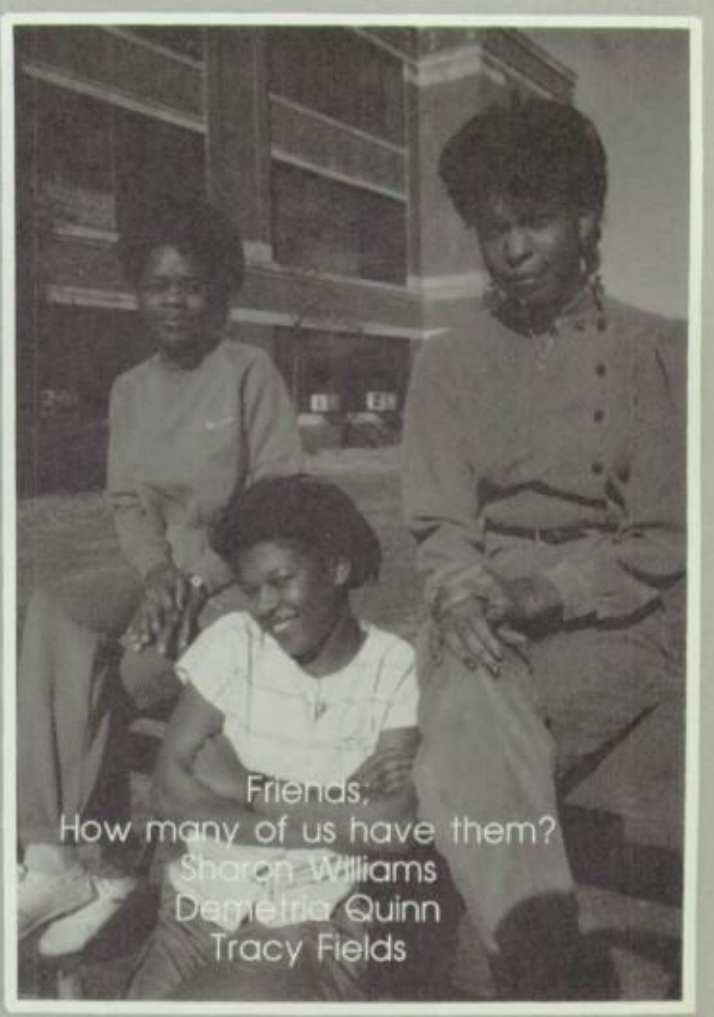

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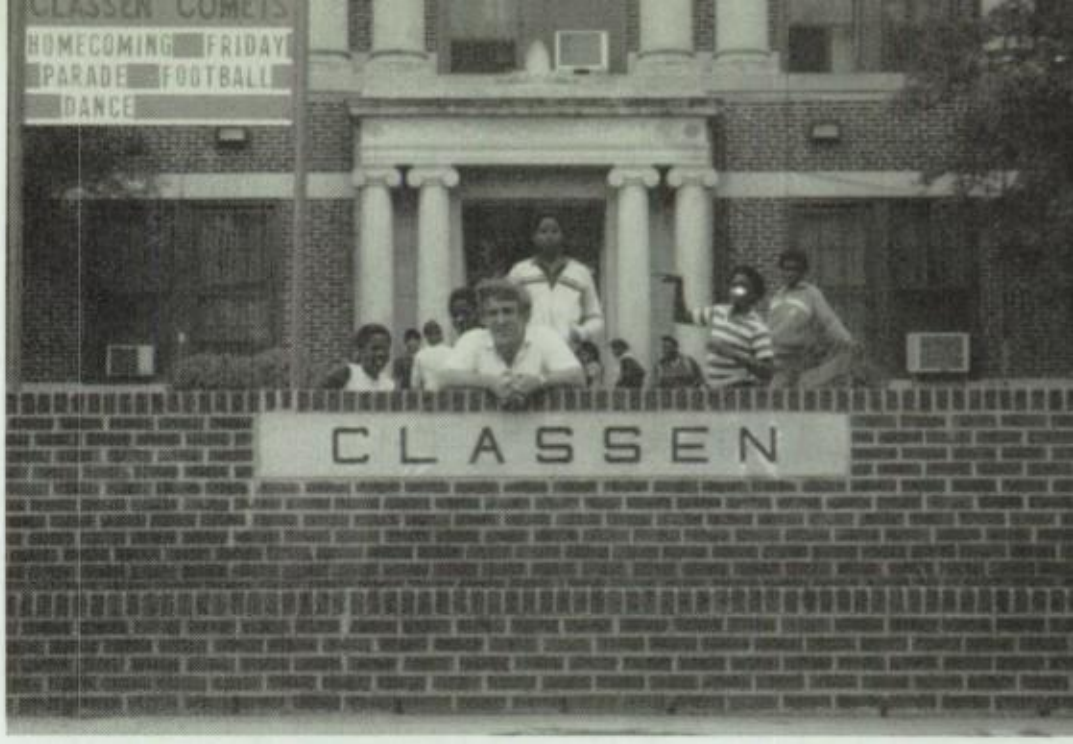

Counselor Joe Hill hangs out at lunch with a group of Comets during Homecoming Week.

The Final Scene

In case you missed it, something happened to the theme of this yearbook. Oh, we had lofty plans to put the spotlight on Classen and its happenings, and we were in the spotlight, but not the positive rays we had anticipated feeling.

The December decision to convert Classen High School to a fifth year center next fall put a damper on everything that followed. Many students went ahead and transferred to another school, some quit, a sizable portion just quit working. The shrug became the Classen logo.

If we had only know in September we could have focused on making this the last *Orbit* a memory book of over 60 years' existence.

The name Classen will live on, no matter whom the building is housing. And no one can take our memories away.

Without the help of these special people, this last of its kind book would not have been published. It is the brainchild of editor Jennifer Cox, who almost single-handedly "did" the book.

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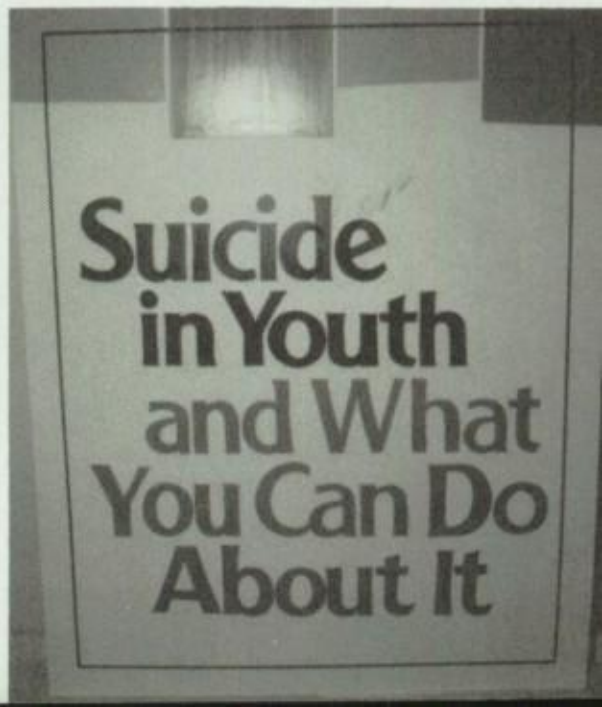
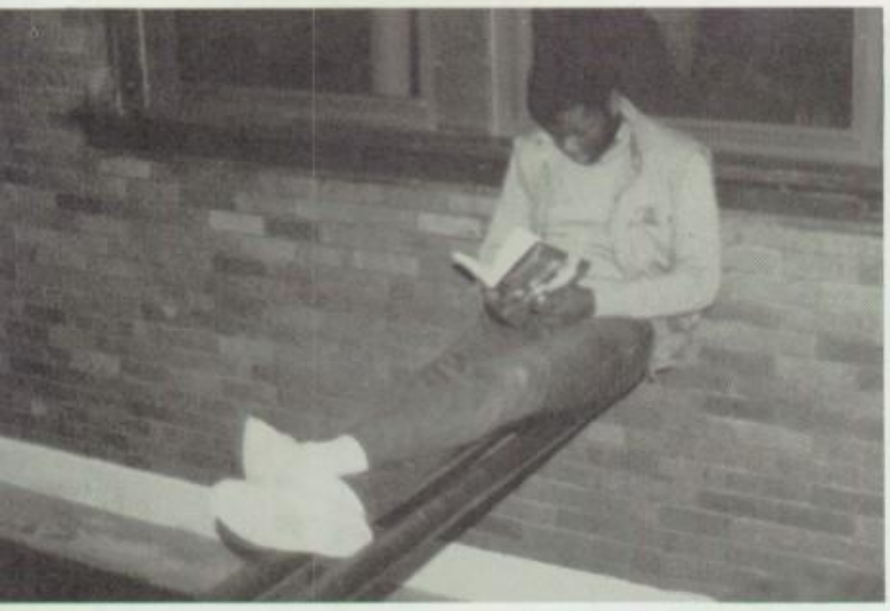
We hereby launch this memorable book into orbit, placing our words and pictures forever into space, for all to see and to know that "We are the Comets of Classen High School" and we are proud to have been here.

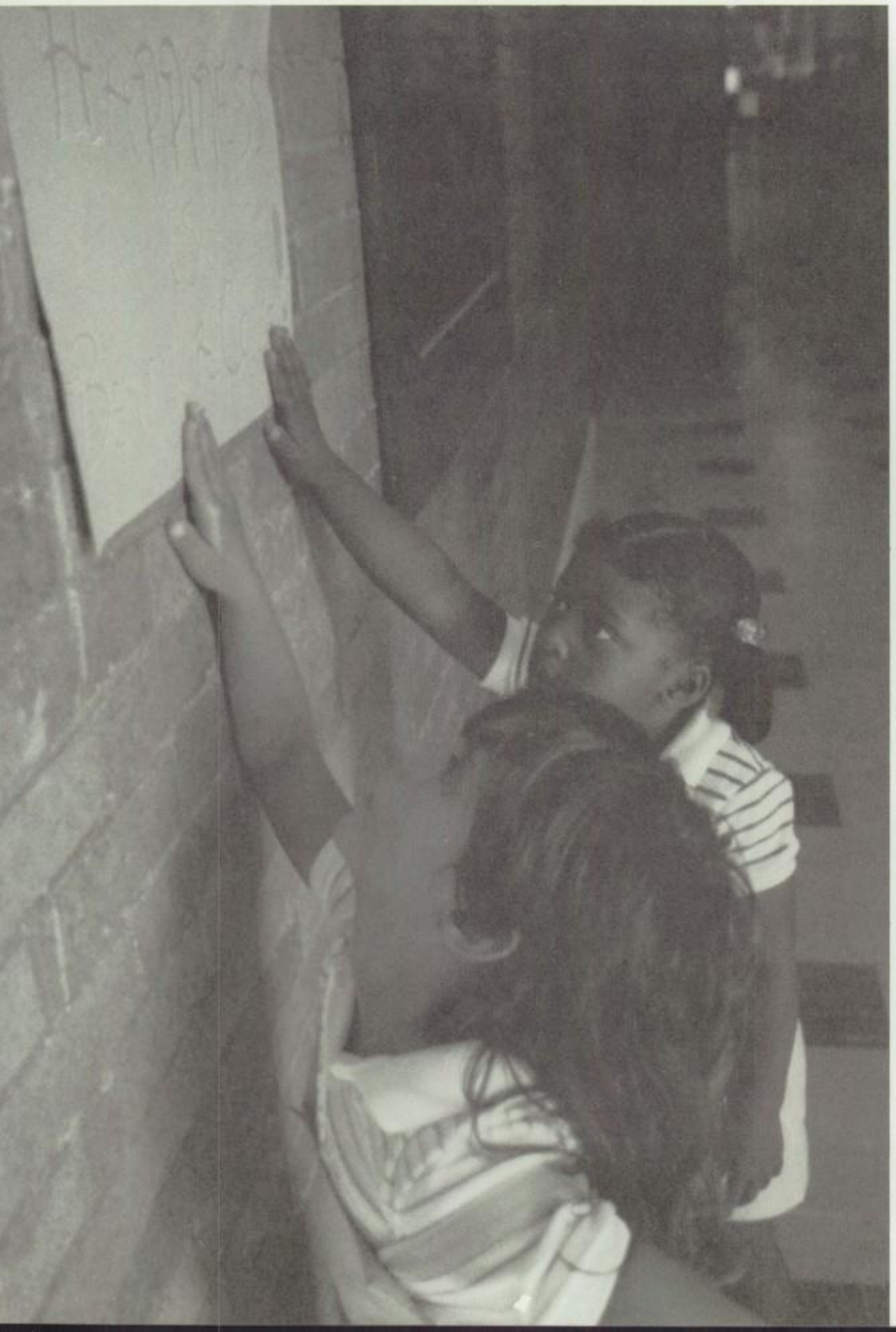
One of the movie props for the filming of "Surviving," this poster speaks to a national epidemic of teenage suicides.



One of the most usual morning sights is Rodney Berry on his "throne," supervising the main stairs.



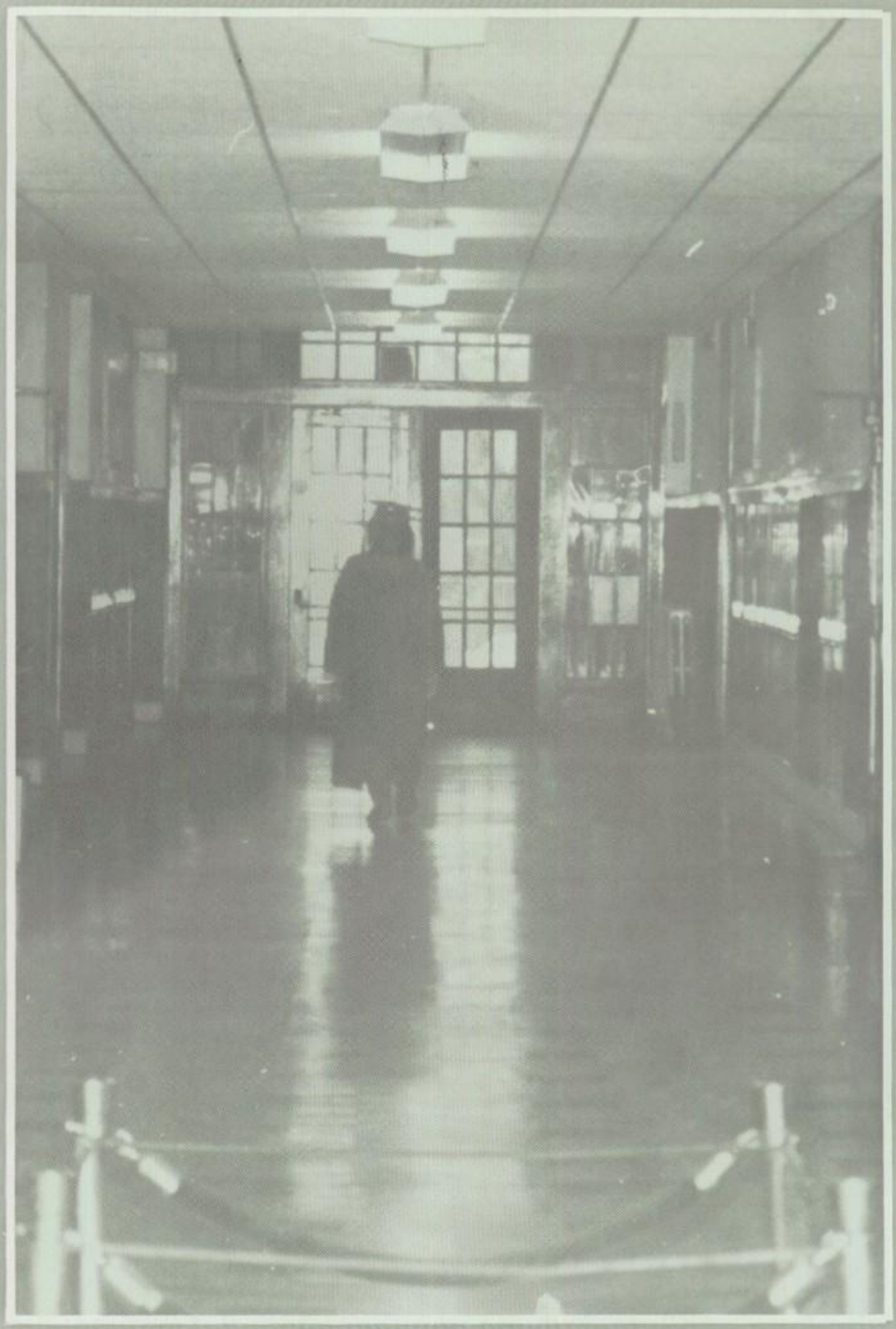
You know you're in the main hall when you see Dawn Johnson, Charlene Moore, Kendra Lamb and Mitchell Hummingbird at their locker.



Homecoming Week and its hall decorations proclaim an upbeat message about Classen.

It's too bad these young ladies will never find out what being a Comet really means.

The Last Classen Graduate



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